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TO THE READER.

In the perusal of this little volume, thou wilt not find it embellished with many fine sentences or eloquent words. The author has given to us a simple but faithful record of self-sacrifice and close devotion to the God he loved, served, and honored during many years of active labor and close engagement, in imitation of Him who went about doing good.

In journeying so many thousand miles upon the American Continent, going from meeting to meeting; in crossing the billowy deep to bear the Gospel message to the European shores; in tracing his footsteps over Norway's mountains, or seated in the little barque crossing the boisterous lakes and deep fjords, to sow the good seed and scatter words of cheer and comfort in the Norwegian heart, he thoroughly tested the faithfulness of that God, without whom not a sparrow falls to the ground unnoticed.

Dear as were home associations; close and trying as were nature's conflicts, yet when the love of God

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expanded his soul for the good of his fellow men, he was willing it should waft him to the very ends of the earth for the accomplishment thereof. And the promises of God were literally fulfilled to him and his family: "Thy bread shall be given to thee, thy water shall be sure." We have thought that these pages would be fraught with deep interest and encouragement to those whom religious duties might lead in the same footsteps; and to his many friends who loved and honored him, whose hearts have been watered and refreshed through him as God's instrument, that this volume would be an acceptable companion.

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MEMOIR OF JOHN L. EDDY.

CHAPTER I.

JOHN L. EDDY, the subject of this memoir, was born at Rutland, State of Vermont, in the year 1798, at which time his parents were not making any profession of the Christian religion; but shortly removing to the State of New York his mother embraced the truth in the love of it, and became a consistent and valued member of Hamburg Monthly Meeting of Friends. Being engaged to walk in the light dispensed to her from on high, she was prepared to train her numerous family in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Often has the subject of this memoir been heard to give expression of grateful thanks for the pious care she extended to him in his childhood, believing it had been as bread cast on the waters, the blessed results appearing after many days.

Possessing a strong will and volatile disposition of mind as he approached to manhood, he wandered far in the paths of sin and disobedience; and gaining a military company, he was soon promoted to an office amongst them. When about twenty years of age he

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was favored with a renewed visitation of heavenly good. That gentle Shepherd's voice, to which he had long refused obedience, was in the silent recesses of his heart heard to speak in tones of solemn warning, even saying: "This is the last time I will call for thee," by which he was brought into close exercise of mind, and made to cry out: "Oh, wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me?" And whilst attending a series of meetings held by the Baptists, he was made a high partaker of his Heavenly Father's love; but not feeling easy to be joined in membership with this people, he for a time resorted to the meetings of the Methodists. Being brought into the low valley of humiliation, and seeking Divine guidance, after passing through much spiritual conflict, he was confirmed that it was required of him to become a member of the Society of Friends; and, conferring not with flesh and blood, in the twenty-second year of his age, he was joined in membership with Hamburg Monthly Meeting of Friends, in the State of New York; and feeling that he had been brought up out of an horrible pit, and out of the miry clay, and that a new song had been put into his mouth, even praises unto his God, he was enabled to resign himself to the work and service of his Lord; and although he was remotely situated from the meeting, he felt it required of him to become a steady attender, and was oft-times enabled to feel the refreshings of heavenly good, and was permitted to joy and rejoice in the God of his salvation. And soon was he made to feel in unmistakable clearness that the preparing hand

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of the Lord was upon him, that he might go and testify to others of the Lord's goodness and His power to save.

About the twenty-fourth year of his age he was joined in marriage with Lydia Gifford, of Collins Monthly Meeting, New York, who ever proved a true helpmeet for him in the various religious exercises through which he was called to pass in after life. He ever found in her a faithful counsellor, and sympathising friend. And when, as he apprehended, the time had come that his mouth should be opened in public ministry, he was not disobedient to the heavenly vision. For a time his communications were short, and seldom uttered.

In 1834 they removed to Huron County, Ohio, and became members of Alum Creek Monthly Meeting, and were numbered with the few who then constituted Greenwich particular meeting. And in the exercise of that precious gift he had received from the Great Head of the Church, John L. Eddy was called to pass through a lengthened series of proving dispensation; but passing through the crowd of hindering things, and looking unto the dear Master alone for help in every needful time, he was enabled to stand and grow in grace, and in the knowledge of that blessed truth that was inexpressibly dear to him. And the evidence of his having received a very precious gift in the ministry, became so unmistakably clear to his friends, that his gift was acknowledged by Greenwich Monthly Meeting of Friends in the year of 1849.

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The first service in which J. L. Eddy was engaged in the character of a minister of the Gospel of Christ, was to attend the meeting and visit some of the families constituting his own Quarterly Meeting, with some labor with those not in membership with the Society of Friends.

The manuscript before us says: "Having for a length of time felt drawings in my mind to make a religious visit to Friends and others within our own Quarterly Meeting and a part of West Branch, and the concern having, as I apprehended, sufficiently ripened, in the tenth month, 1849, I laid it before our monthly meeting, and having the entire unity of the meeting, I felt relieved of a great burden."

In the eleventh mo. of this year, J. L. Eddy left his peaceful home, and went forth for the first time as an embassador for Christ, and having attended Owl Creek meeting, on his way to Alum Creek, he says on fifth day:

"11th mo., 15th, 1849.—In the morning I visited and deeply sympathised with the family of our honored Friend and Elder, David Osborn, who had deceased, and is to be buried this afternoon. Attended their meeting, which was a comfortable one; and in the afternoon attended the funeral of our valued friend, there being a large gathering on the occasion, and a soul refreshing time it was, wherein public testimonies were borne to the truth, and the day closed peacefully."

On seventh day, the 17th, he attended Goshen monthly meeting, in Logan County, Ohio, and finding

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that William Pearson, a valuable minister of that monthly meeting, was about to engage in a like service with his own, they joined in a visit to the meetings, and families of that monthly meeting, and held two appointed meetings within its limits, of which he gives the following account:

"On seventh day I joined William Pearson in attending a meeting he had appointed in the north of Logan County, twelve miles distant from Goshen. The meeting was small, but a favored time, wherein I was enabled to relieve my mind very much to my own satisfaction, and, as far as appeared, to that of others.

"On first day morning we proceeded eight miles north where we had a meeting appointed. The attendance was large, and a solemn meeting it appeared to be, wherein the Gospel was preached, not to any praise of the creature, but to the praise of the great name of Israel's God, who is worthy for ever."

Feeling released from religious service in West Branch quarter for the present, J. L. Eddy set his face towards home.

The manuscript before us continues:

"On sixth day I left Carmel for Gilead. Arrived at Alum Creek on third day, at noon, where I heard that since I left home my wife had been thrown from a wagon and badly hurt, which was to me a trial of faith, as I felt called to attend Gilead and Western meetings; and after weighing the matter and desiring to do right, I was favored to resign all into the Lord's hand, and attended those meetings, which proved to

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be favored seasons, especially the last, which I felt to be a crowning meeting.

"Sixth day, 7th of the twelfth mo.—Reached home, and found all well, except my wife, who was fast recovering, and my heart was made thankful that I had attended to apprehended duty. And now I can say, let nothing be ascribed to the poor instrument, but all praise and adoration be given to the Lord Jehovah, for in Him is everlasting strength."

While J. L. Eddy was privileged to remain at home for a little season, he was called, in the inscrutable counsel of infinite wisdom, to pass through much spiritual conflict.

Under date of third mo., 4th, 1850, he says:

"For some time past my mind has been laboring under a trying baptism, so that it seemed at times that I should sink under it. Just strength enough was afforded in the extremity of spiritual suffering to hold fast my confidence in that unfailing arm of Divine Power, which is underneath those who put their trust in God; who will never leave nor forsake them, although the very powers of darkness at times may be permitted to almost overwhelm them. In such seasons as these, Oh! how refreshing is a glimpse of that life which gives us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

"Under the powerful operations of these fiery baptisms, I have been made willing in a measure to yield up body, soul, and spirit a willing sacrifice to the Lord's service.

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"Third mo. 22nd. — Since the above entry my mind has been clothed with a solemn quiet, except some intervals of the buffetings of Satan, which have caused a trial of faith; but I think I can say the Lamb has the victory. Let the name of the Lord be for ever praised.

"Same date.—This being our monthly meeting day I laid a concern before Friends, to visit in the love of the Gospel the meetings and some of the families of Friends constituting West Branch Quarterly Meeting, which was fully united with by the meeting, and I was left at liberty to attend to the concern as truth might open the way."

John L. Eddy, after taking a solemn leave of his family, set out on the 23rd of third month, and taking Gilead and Alum Creek Monthly Meetings in the way, he came to Goshen, in order to attend his own Quarterly Meetings.

The manuscript says:

"Seventh day, 30th of third mo.—Attended our own select Quarterly Meeting, which was to me a favored strengthening time.

"31st of third mo.—A large meeting and a favored time, wherein it fell to my lot to appear as a public advocate for the precious cause of truth.

"Second day, 1st of fourth mo. — Attended our Quarterly Meeting, which appeared to be a solid meeting, where I thought I was favored to gain a little strength in solemn silence, which appeared to be my proper place in the meeting."

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He then proceeded directly to West Branch, and diligently laboring for fifteen days within the limits of that meeting, and visiting about ninety families of Friends. At the conclusion of these arduous labors he says:

"On fifth day, the 18th of fourth mo., we attended West Branch Monthly Meeting, wherein our hearts seemed to be melted into one, it being a favored and heart-tendering meeting, and appeared to crown my labors in these parts and to fill my heart with peace, having just finished family visiting before meeting; and in all these labors I have had to acknowledge the Lord to be a present helper in every needful time; and he has enabled me to perform the service very much to the relief and comfort of my own mind, having been informed that both in meetings and families the states of the people have been very closely spoken to, which information has been a confirmation and comfort to my often tribulated spirit.

"On the 26th of fourth mo., I returned home, found all well, for which and all other favors received while abroad my soul felt thankfully to ascribe all praise to the Lord alone."

In the good things of this life John L. Eddy was in very limited circumstances. He possessed a strong frame, and from his early years up to this time he had been accustomed to perform much hard manual labor. He was the father of a large family of children, and a part of these, with his dear wife, were still dependent on his labors for support, so when more extensive

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fields of religious labor began to open before his spiritual vision he was brought into close conflict of spirit. He knew the Shepherd's voice, and he had covenanted to follow Him; and when the commandment with its parallel promise was heard: "Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve them alive, and let thy widows trust in me," was to him a trial of faith. We turn again to the manuscript:

"Fifth mo. 31st, 1850.—Since my return from the before-mentioned journey, I have felt the reward of peace, and my bosom has seemed to be filled with sheaves, in meditating upon the goodness and mercy of God, in enabling me to fulfil that which seemed to be required at my hand. There is nothing short of that power which has enabled the servants of the Lord, in all ages of the world, to surmount every difficulty, which could have enabled me, a mere child, as I am, in the capacity of an embassador for Christ, to have performed the labor assigned to me, wherein I was so often made to adopt the language: 'What ailed thee, oh thou sea, that thou fledest, and thou Jordan that thou wast driven back: ye mountains that ye skipt like rams, and ye little hills like lambs?'

"But oh, the deep wadings of spirit! How hath my very soul been bowed down and humbled, under the impression that further and more extended labor will be called for at my hands; and my circumstances in the world are such, and my means so limited, that the Lord only knows how this can be brought about. But

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things that are impossible with men are possible with God. My secret cry has often been: 'Oh, thou God of my life, be Thou my helper, my support and preserver, my strong tower, my heavenly fortress and my sure defence in every time of trial and conflict;' and may I not acknowledge that, within a few weeks past, all within me has been bowed in humble submission unto Thee, and I have been enabled to say: "Thy will, O God, and not mine be done.'

"But oh, the plungings into the very depths of anguish and distress that I have had again to experience, when the conflict between flesh and spirit has been renewed. In these seasons we are sometimes almost ready to doubt the reality of the openings which we have been favored to see in the light of the Lord's spirit; but oh, saith my soul, distrust not thou that mighty arm which has so often delivered thee from the snares of thy grand enemy.

"What may result from the concern above hinted at, I leave with Him who is all-powerful in heaven and in earth, and controls events at His pleasure; who sees meet at times to use poor and weak instruments to bring about His own praise; who is forever worthy, God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

"Sixth mo. 9th, 1st day.—We had a large meeting at Greenwich, many being present besides our own members, wherein I was strengthened once more to plead for the cause of my Divine Master, being, as I thought, very much favored, which I received as a fresh evidence that the Lord has not forsaken me; for which

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my soul bows and worships before the awful presence of the Lord God and the Lamb.

"Sixth mo. 21st.—Yesterday, at three o'clock, our Select Preparative Meeting was held; only five members were present, two being kept from meeting by indisposition, and a broken-heart tendering time it was, the most of us not having been members long. And I for several years having felt drawings in my mind, to pay a religious visit to Friends in some parts of the State of New York, Vermont, the Canadas and Michigan; and the time having arrived, as I apprehended, to inform Friends of the concern, and feeling that I needed all the help I could get, I informed this small meeting of the concern and asked their advice in regard to it; and my friends very feelingly and tenderly advised me to lay my concern before the monthly meeting, which I accordingly did; and a very humbling time it was, wherein unity, sympathy and encouragement was very feelingly expressed, which caused my heart to overflow with gratitude and praise unto God, in that he condescends to the low estate of his servants, and favors them with his life-giving presence, and enables them to render unto him and the Son of his love, thanksgiving and renown, now and forever."

A minute was made, and the clerk was directed to furnish me with a copy of it.

"Seventh mo. 1st, was held our Quarterly Meeting, and a heavenly, heart-solacing time it was to the sincere-hearted amongst us, and an awakening to the careless and unconcerned.

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"There were two stranger Friends with us who were drawn forth to labor earnestly for the good of souls to the tendering of many hearts. I also laid my concern of making my proposed visit before the quarterly meeting, in which I received all the encouragement that well could be given by my friends, and the Clerk was directed to endorse my minute on behalf of the meeting; and I was left at liberty to pursue my prospect as truth should open the way, in which I humbly desire to be preserved, in all my steppings along in the performance of this and every other service that may be required at my hands.

"Eighth mo., 21st.—A day to be remembered above many others in the catalogue of days wherein I was humbled as in the very dust. Oh! the struggle between affection and duty, yea, between life and death. I thought I had before this given myself up into the Lord's hand to be disposed of as He in divine wisdom might see fit; but at this time I found the affectionate part to cling so close to my home and family that I mourned, and wept, and wrestled, till I was made to cry out: 'Oh Lord have I not given up yet, strengthen me, I pray Thee, to give up all for Thy sake and the Gospel's;' and then the words of our blessed Saviour were forcibly presented: 'He that loveth father or mother more than Me, is not worthy of Me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than Me, is not worthy of Me;' which produced an awful sensation in my mind, and I was enabled once more to say: 'Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commit my all, and render unto Thee soul and body

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to be disposed of as Thou seest meet.' After this conflict and full surrender, my mind became quieted in a good degree, and am now making preparation for my intended journey. The time is drawing near when I expect to take a solemn leave of my dear family and friends, and all that is most near and dear in this world, for the sake of obtaining peace of mind and laboring for the good of souls."

On the 2nd of ninth mo., 1850, J. L. Eddy took a solemn leave of his wife and children, and traveling by the way of Cleveland and Buffalo, he reached Collins, in Erie County, N. Y., on the 6th, and lodged with his uncle, Abraham Gifford, and after having attended Collins meeting, having an appointed meeting at Clear Creek and two meetings about Ellory, he returned to Collins on the 20th of ninth mo., where he says:

"Rested for a little time, having had the ague and fever every other day since I first arrived here, up to this time, which has brought me down very weak in body and often very low in mind; but the Lord has been near to strengthen in every needful time.

"9th mo., 26th.—Attended Collins Monthly Meeting, in which I had very close, searching labor, the meeting being very much disturbed by unsavory communications, that were very trying to the rightly concerned members, though I was privileged to quit the meeting very much relieved. It being my closing labors in these parts, having visited these meetings several times each, and have had opportunities in all

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the families continuing the same. In all these labors I felt my mind strengthened according to the day. After meeting, I had a solemn parting with many near and dear friends to whom I had become warmly attached in the fellowship of the Gospel of Christ, and in company with my friends, Benjamin and Sarah Shotwell (she a minister, who had obtained a minute to make a religious visit to the meeting of several Quarters), we journeyed on and arrived at Hamburg on the 27th of 9th mo., 1850."

After attending the meetings at the upper settlement and that at the lower settlement, and having some other religious service, he came to Buffalo, and wrote:

"First day morning; reached Buffalo in time to attend their little meeting, made up of two or three families, which was a precious meeting, wherein a remnant was permitted to mingle their kindred spirits together in a manner calculated to strengthen the poor wayworn traveler to persevere in the way of Divine appointment.

"10th mo., 2nd.—Attended Farmington Quarterly Meeting, which, with the Select Meeting the day before, were very deeply trying, baptizing meetings, wherein my mind was brought down into suffering with the suffering seed, and some very close labor fell to my lot; and it appeared when the queries came to be answered in the meeting for business, that there was cause for close labor. The parting meeting was large, and divinely favored, wherein the gospel trum-

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pet was sounded by several instruments. At this meeting we had the agreeable company of Israel Titus, from Canada. I attended the meetings in this vicinity, visiting some families, and then journeyed on to Wheatland, in order to be at meetings there.

"Fifth day, 10th mo. 10th.—Attended Wheatland meeting under as much discouragement and depression of spirits as ever I remember to have felt, but after I had sat some time, the Lord saw my sufferings were enough, and he was pleased to dispel the thick darkness; and the sun of righteousness arose in his strength, and the truth triumphed gloriously to the refreshing of many of our hearts; for which unmerited favor, let the name of the Lord be glorified.

"On first day, the 13th, I again attended meeting here, there having been public notice given, which was a day to be remembered, in which I was drawn forth to sound the gospel trumpet more largely than what has been common for me, a poor, weak worm of the dust.

"14th.—Rode to Rochester, and made a call on my old friend, Benoni Sprague; had a most precious visit with him, and had an appointed meeting there on the 15th, which was small and had hard things to declare; it seeming to me that religion was very low in that meeting, so much so, that answering to the impressions that rested on my mind, the time would come, and it might not be very far distant, that it might be said of that great city: 'There was once a meeting of the religious Society of Friends held here.'

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"16th of the mo.—Attended their Preparative Meeting, held at Macedon.

"Second day, 21st, at Farmington.—I have felt for a considerable time past, much of the time deeply bowed in spirit, seeming to have hardly enough strength to enable me to prosecute my labors in these parts; yet at times, and especially in some of the meetings I have attended, have been very much set at liberty, and have had abundant cause to set up my Ebenezer, and say, 'Hitherto the Lord hath helped me.'

"Arose on third day morning, with the expectation of going directly to Scipio, but my mind was arrested with the prospect of remaining here until fifth day, and of attending Farmington Monthly Meeting; and the concern became so pressing, that I cheerfully yielded, and accordingly attended the meeting. It proved a very relieving time to me, and I was glad that I had stayed."

John L. Eddy continued to labor diligently, within the limits of New York Yearly Meeting, until we find him at Le Roy, and writing:

"Twelfth mo. 2nd.—I have now visited all the meetings in LeRoy Quarter twice over, besides having several appointed meetings, not amongst Friends, and visiting all the families, with a very few exceptions, amounting in all to above eighty; and in taking a retrospective view of these arduous labors, I see nothing but that I have done very nearly what the Lord required of me, and my mind feels peaceful."

Still journeying eastward, he came to Farnham, in Canada East.

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"First day, 1st mo, 19th, 1851.—Attended the meeting at Farnham to-day, there being a pretty large gathering, wherein I was concerned to labor with some who were not only the subjects, but willing votaries of that cruel old tyrant, the Devil, who rules in the hearts of the children of disobedience." He writes on second day, 20th:—"I attended their Monthly Meeting, and in the course of the meeting I told them that I believed there was a remnant there who felt bound to the law and the testimony, with whom I had traveled in spirit; and although some of the time it seemed that I could not get relief, my burden being so great, yet before the meeting closed I was favored to feel relief, and left them with a peaceful mind.

"1st mo. 22nd.—Attended Peru Preparative Meeting for Ministers and Elders, and previous to answering the queries, I told them I had hoped to have enjoyed the presence of the dear Master with them; but it seemed to me there was an obstruction to the flowing of Shiloh's gentle streams, and when the queries came to be answered in the meeting, they were marked with a lack of love and unity. I have had the company from Farnham to this place, about eighty miles, of N. and A. Hoag, both ministers.

"23rd of 1st mo.—Attended Peru Monthly Meeting.

"24th.—Proceeded to Grand Isle, in Lake Champlain, on the ice; had a meeting that evening with the inhabitants. Next day, crossed the ice (about four miles) to the Vermont shore; reached Monkton in the evening, and went to the house of Nathan C. Hoag.

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"First day, 26th of 1st mo.—Attended the meeting at Monkton, in which life arose into dominion, and I believe many hearts were comforted. In the evening, attended a meeting at Starksborough, appointed at the request of Eliza Farr, from Maine. The service in part fell to my lot, in which my spirit was very much set at liberty. She afterwards was highly favored in testimony, and the truth reigned over all.

"29th. — Attended Ferrisburg Monthly Meeting. Eliza Farr and I both had good service in this meeting, being drawn unitedly to plead in an especial manner with the youth, to come up in a faithful dedication of heart to the Lord's service, that nothing might hinder them from becoming faithful valiants in the Lord's army.

"Sixth day morning.—Stephen F. Stephens took me in his sleigh, and we traveled that day to Mount Pelor, a distance of forty-five miles, it being the coldest day we have had this winter, the mercury standing at 36° below zero.

"Fourth day, 5th of 2nd mo., 1851.—Attended Ferrisburg Quarterly Meeting for business, held at Starksborough. On the next day was held the parting meeting for worship, which was highly favored with the life-giving presence of the Lord our God, and the gospel stream flowed forth freely to the rejoicing of many hearts; the truth reigned over all opposition; it was a crowning meeting, and the Lord above had the praise, and the minds of many Friends were so tendered, that it seemed hard to part when the meeting closed."

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At the close of Ferrisburg Quarterly Meeting, J. L. Eddy went again to Peru, and in company with Eliza Farr, was for a considerable time engaged in visiting the meetings and families there. He then set his face towards Canada, and taking the meetings in course, he reached Kingston on the 19th of 2nd mo., where he made the following entry in his memorandum: "As I thus journey along, I often have to admire the wise and tender dealings of my Heavenly Father to me, His poor and unworthy servant—unworthy of the least of the many favors and blessings that He is conferring upon me; considering how much and in how many ways, in my earlier years, I have dishonored Him and His precious cause. And notwithstanding, my mind is often brought very low, and clothed with poverty, which is as my every-day garment. Yet in His condescending mercy, He is often pleased in meetings, and sometimes out of meetings, to enable me to rejoice and to set up my Ebenezer, and to acknowledge that it is the Lord that helped me hitherto; so that I feel again and again strengthened and encouraged to go on, and take another step in prosecuting my journey.

"Seventh day, 22nd of 2nd mo.—Proceeded to Camden, about twenty-five miles. On the next day, attended their meeting; it was a favored meeting, wherein the gospel stream sweetly flowed, many hearts were tendered, and Friends were refreshed. One dear woman, at the close of the meeting, seemed so broken, that she could not well leave the house; a few friends of us, with her husband, stayed back a

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little with her, when she knelt, and in a very broken manner supplicated that the Lord would enable her in the future to be faithful to His requirings."

John L. Eddy continued to labor diligently among Friends and others in Canada until 3rd of 4th mo., when he journeyed to Michigan, and attended all the meetings constituting Adrian Quarterly Meeting; and on the 25th of the mo. was favored to reach his peaceful home, and found all well, having been absent eight months, and traveled about three thousand miles.

"At home, 5th mo. 27th, 1851.—Being busily at work in my fields to-day, I had many pleasant recollections of my late and arduous journey, my mind being occupied nearly all day in reviewing my travels in Truth's service; and in the retrospect I saw nothing that had a tendency to mar the peace with which I returned; although in times of weakness the enemy would persuade me, that being thus engaged in that long journey was time lost, and that no good would result from it. But when, in the little glimpses of heavenly light, that are at times afforded, I remember the many tender and precious seasons that I enjoyed with sympathising friends, and the contrition of heart that was manifested on many occasions, while the gospel stream flowed freely through the poor instrument, I have to acknowledge that it was the Lord's doings; and it is marvellous in my eyes that such an unworthy creature as I should be sent on the Lord's errands. Oh for faith and patience to endure turnings, and the overturning of the Lord's holy hand upon me!

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"28th of 5th mo.—This day begins fifty-fourth year, and how have I desired this morning that the remainder of my days, be they few or many, may be used more to the honor and to the glory of my Heavenly Father, than those fleeting days which have already passed, many of which, especially in my younger years, were spent in the service of Satan. And had I been at that time cut off from the land of the living, I must have been for ever banished from the presence of the Lord; for which mis spent time and all of my unfaithfulness, since I have made a profession of the religion of Jesus Christ, I feel to heartily repent of, and desire that the Lord in mercy may enable me to become more and more engaged for the promotion of his precious cause in the earth, so that I may say in truth, 'Lord, here am I, do with me as thou pleasest.'

"6th mo. 1st.—Since I returned home, I have had a few favored open times in our meetings, and have attended our Monthly Meeting, to which I returned the minute granted in 6th mo. last, for religious service in my late journey. For the greater part of the time since my return, I have felt to compare myself to a ship that has been a voyage to sea, and arrived in port and been hauled out on the dry-dock for repairs. Oh that I may be willing to undergo all the repairs my Great Master may think necessary for me, that I may be fitted for the sea again, if I may be found at all seaworthy. Thy will, O God, be done, in going abroad or in staying at home; so that I may wind up all things here below in peace, and be re-

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ceived within the Pearly Gates, into the Holy City, the Heavenly Jerusalem, there to celebrate Thy praise, O God, forever and forever. Amen.

"6th mo. second.—A day of conflict and suffering. As I was at work in my field, I had a prospect presented of further labor abroad; and in consideration thereof I shed tears and was ready to cry out: 'How can I say, Lord here am I, send me?' but my desires are to stand in humble resignation to the will of my Divine Master in all things, who has enabled me to go through so many humbling and trying scenes in days that are past and gone."

In 7th mo. of this year he was liberated by Greenwich Monthly Meeting, to visit in gospel love, Northern Quarterly Meeting and the meetings constituting it, and to appoint some meetings out from amongst Friends. After which we find the following entry:

"Seventh mo. 25th.—My health not good and my mind very low in the prospect before me. I have been ready to cry out: 'O God of my life, who hast been with me in many trials, temptations and besetments in times past, be pleased to vouchsafe Thy holy presence, to strengthen the hands that hang down, and to confirm the feeble knees.' Oh, how has Satan been permitted to buffet me; and he would fain make me believe that it is impossible for me to perform duties that have been seen in the light to be required of me. But oh Lord, wilt Thou frustrate his purpose, and for Thy mercy's sake arise for my help and enable me to

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do Thy will; for Thou knowest, dear Father, that it is my desire, above every other consideration, to serve Thee in sincerity and in truth."

In the 8th mo. of 1851, John L. Eddy left his quiet home, accompanied by Humphrey Gifford (a worthy Elder of Greenwich Monthly Meeting), and in the course of his journey he attended all the meetings that compose Northern and Wabash Quarters, and some appointed meetings, all to the peace of his own mind, and he says:

"Tenth mo., 14th.—Was favored to reach home, and found my family, during my absence, had been preserved in good health, for which and all other favors, temporal and spiritual, I feel truly thankful to the Author of all Good; and in taking a retrospective view of this journey, in which we traveled seven hundred miles, and fulfilled the service I had in prospect, I feel my mind to be clothed with peace, my soul bows before the Lord most High.

"Twelfth mo. 15th.—I have been deeply bowed down in spirit to-day, under a sense of my entire unworthiness to be entrusted with holy and divine things, and the language of my heart has been: 'O Lord, God omnipotent, be pleased in the plenitude of Thy power and goodness, in mercy to look down from Heaven, Thy holy habitation, upon a poor unworthy creature, who has none in Heaven nor in all the earth, but Thee alone, to look unto for help and deliverance. Therefore, O Lord, as Thou knowest my sorrowings and distress of spirit, be pleased, if consistent with

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Thy holy will, to arise for my help, through the mercy and merits of Thy dear Son; and cause the light of Thy reconciled countenance to shine forth as the sun, and enable me to say: Not my will, O God, but Thine be done; and unto Thee, with the Son of Thy love, be all the glory, now and for ever. Amen.'

"Eleventh mo. 8th, 1852.—A year has almost elapsed since my last entry of this kind, and for the most part deep provings have been my lot since I last wrote. I have remained at home the greater part of the time; have attended our Quarterly Meetings as they came in course, as also our Yearly Meeting, which was very large, and favored with the living presence of the Great Head of the Church. Several ministers from other Yearly Meetings were in attendance; and on several occasions they were enabled to declare the Gospel truths, 'in the demonstration of the Spirit, and with power;' and the meeting closed under a precious covering.

"During the past summer, I have attended several meetings that were appointed by another Friend, some of which were highly favored seasons, wherein I found great relief; so notwithstanding all of the trials I have had to pass through, there have been seasons of rejoicing; and I have been strengthened to believe that, although we are a stripped and a peeled people, the Lord Almighty has not forsaken us, but we are still remembered in mercy."

In the tenth mo. of this year, John L. Eddy was liberated, by his Monthly Meeting, for religious ser-

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vice within the limits of Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting; and after visiting the families of Greenwich Meeting, he writes:

"On the 10th of 11th mo., 1852.—I left home, and traveled about thirty-five miles, to the neighborhood of Sandusky Meeting; and feeling my mind engaged to visit the families of that meeting, I made two such next morning before meeting; then attended their week-day meeting, which was a highly favored time; the Lord's power and goodness was felt to prevail amongst us, to the comforting and strengthening of many, if not all present, which seemed to open the way for family visiting amongst them; which service I engaged in after meeting, and was strengthened to believe that my being with them had a tendency to strengthen the things that remain, and are ready to die.

"I then proceeded to Western. Attended their meeting, and visited the families, where I found the Dear Master to be a present helper in every needful time.

"At Gilead, on the 17th of 11th mo.—At this meeting, being pressed in spirit, I found it necessary to expose and combat with Infidelity, in its various forms; having to allude to Mormonism, Millerism, Mesmerism, Phrenology, and, what seemed to be the very height of the floating imaginations of aspiring men, that of Spiritual Rappings; all of which are calculated to draw the mind away from the simplicity there is in truth."

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The manuscript says:

"Here I also felt my mind engaged to visit families, and proceeded therein until sixth day morning, when I felt a cloud to spread over my mind; and when I reached the first family to be visited, I heard that my dear Friend Hannah Lewis, a minister from Owl Creek, had arrived in the neighborhood, and had a meeting appointed for those Friends that I was expecting to visit. I felt my mind engaged to join with her therein, feeling released from further family visiting in this meeting.

"On the 23rd of 11th mo., I attended Gilead Monthly Meeting, held at Sandusky. We had the company of Isaac Jay, a minister from Northern Quarter, in Indiana, who was largely favored to speak to several states present. Then passing through Gilead neighborhood, I came to Alum Creek; attended Monthly Meeting there on the 25th, where I was earnestly engaged to strengthen some poor and almost desponding hearts. On seventh day, rode to Owl Creek. Attended meeting there on first day; in the evening, had a meeting appointed in a school-house near to Owl Creek, for those not in membership with us; there was a large attendance, and although I was engaged to speak at some length, and with much feeling to the people, I had to acknowledge on leaving, although a hard battle had been fought, there had not been a splendid victory gained, for the people seemed hard to be reached; but I felt peaceful in having done what I apprehended to be my duty. Hannah Lewis also attended this

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meeting, and was favored in testimony and prayer. I went to John Lewis' that evening, and the next day I rode five miles towards home, and had another meeting in a school-house, where many of the people were unacquainted with our manner of worship; the most of them were very quiet during the silent part of the meeting, and especially so while I declared the truth amongst them, in which I was engaged in for nearly two hours, and laboring in great fervency of spirit, the room being very warm. When the meeting closed, I felt much exhausted, yet I could say: 'Let God be praised for all His blessings to the children of men; for these especially that are dispensed to the poor instrument who goes forth weeping, bearing precious seed;' and who is privileged to come again, bringing their sheaves of peace with them, which was my portion on this occasion; for the next morning I started for home with a peaceful mind, and reached my habitation on the first of 12th mo., 1852. Found all well and my outward affairs in good order, for which and all other unmerited favors which the Lord is pouring upon me, I desire to return the tribute of praise and thanksgiving to His great and worthy name. I was from home, on this journey, three weeks; attended fifteen meetings; had forty family visits, and traveled upwards of two hundred miles."

Having obtained the unity of his Monthly Meeting, he left home on the 26th of 1st mo., 1853, in order to attend several of the Quarterly Meetings in the southern part of Ohio. He says:

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"I reached Fairfield on the 29th, just in time to attend the Quarterly Meeting, not being able to reach the Select Meeting held the day before. It was a large and favored meeting, there being several ministering Friends there from other parts, and many gospel truths were declared to the people; and it fell to my lot to speak very plainly to some states that were too deeply engaged in the pursuits of the riches of this world. I had to bring to view the words that the apostle James pronounced against such."

He then proceeds to attend the several meetings constituting this Quarter, and says:

"In all these meetings the Lord was with me, and enabled me to clear myself of the people, as I went along from meeting to meeting, besides several family opportunities; in all which service Friends received me, and appeared to be well satisfied. On the 4th of 2nd mo., I attended the Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders, at Center, which was favored with the overshadowing wing of ancient Goodness. Also attended the Quarterly Meeting for business, and the public meeting on first day; these were both favored meetings, wherein the Lord's servants were engaged to send forth the glad tidings of life and salvation to the people. Friends were edified in being thus together, and they separated with thankful hearts, and the messengers proceeded on their several concerns."

After holding meetings at Wilmington, Lyttle's Creek and Springfield, J. L. Eddy proceeded to Clarkesville, and he wrote:

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"Here I also had an appointed meeting, where I was not left alone; for the Lord was with me, and enabled me to preach the everlasting gospel of life and salvation, as I humbly trust, in the demonstration of the Spirit, and with power. Many were brought into tenderness of spirit, and Friends parted with feelings that it was good that we had been together.

"After meeting, Friends pressed me to stay with them until the next morning; but I felt a strong draft in my mind to go to Harveysburg that evening; and I went accordingly, and put up with Simon D. Harvey, who informed me that a young woman, a member of that meeting, had died the night before, very suddenly. On hearing thereof, I felt a desire to go to the house of mourning; accordingly, S. D. Harvey and I walked to the house, it being about one mile distant; found the father of the deceased in a lonely situation, having several years before buried his wife. A number of young people came to be company for the family; we sat down with them, and soon dropped into profound silence, which lasted some time; it arose in my mind to address the mourners and others present, suitably to their condition, as I believe, wherein our minds were much tendered and contrited before the Lord; and at our parting, several who were not of our society, expressed their gratitude for the favor of our coming to visit them; and I felt relieved and consoled that I had attended to what appeared to be my duty; and I desire that others, as well as myself, may attend to the gentle movings of the Lord's Spirit;

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for if I had not attended thereto, I should have missed this feast in the house of mourning."

"Fifth day of 2nd mo. 10th.—Attended Harveysburg Meeting in course; and the stream of gospel love flowed through me, a poor instrument, in an enlarged testimony, in comforting the mourners in Zion; and to the arousing the careless and indifferent professors, and in a solemn warning to unbelievers.

"Sixth day, 11th.—Went to Waysville, and attended Miami Quarterly Meeting, which was a suffering time to me until the closing sitting, when I was enlarged in a close, searching testimony to the rich and the full; also had to pour forth consolation to the mourners in Zion, and encouragement to the young and tender-minded, and I left the meeting well satisfied; and on second day, 14th of 2nd mo., journeyed, in company with Sarah A. Linton, a minister of Center Quarter, to West Branch."

On the following, seventh day, J. L. Eddy attended West Branch Quarterly Meeting, and was cheered with the company of Isaac Jay; and also was privileged to meet with Nathan and Abigail Hoag, at whose house he had been so kindly entertained, when journeying, a stranger, in the State of Vermont. In this meeting, he says:—"The Lord condescended to be with me, and enabled me again to come forth as an advocate for his precious cause." And in the course of the visits to the various meetings constituting this Quarter, he had an appointed meeting with a group of colored persons, who were originally the slaves of

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John Randolph, of Virginia, but now in the care of this Quarterly Meeting.

"First day, 20th of 2nd mo.—Had a meeting with the colored people, appointed at my request; and it was a good, open meeting; the poor, down-trodden creatures seemed to tender, and expressed much satisfaction after meeting; and it afforded me as much satisfaction as any meeting that I have had within the limits of this Quarter.

"Seventh day, 26th of 2nd mo.—Took the cars at Dayton, and proceeded to Cincinnati, where I was kindly received by Abraham Taylor and family; and although I felt many misgivings in coming to this great city, yet on going to their meeting, I found my Divine Master there, and I was deeply humbled under a sense of His gracious dealings and Fatherly care over me, in times of trial. I had a heart-tendering meeting with Friends there, on first day, for which favor my soul worships in awful reverence before the Lord. And whilst in Cincinnati, I visited Ann Shipley, a minister, being in her ninety-third year, not able to walk, but able to sit up and enjoy the company of her friends. Being alive and green in old age, the visit was truly an agreeable one to me, and I was deeply instructed by being in the company of this ancient servant of the Lord, and encouraged to be faithful a little longer."

Taking Cedar Creek and Greenplains meetings in the way, he reached home on the 5th of 3rd mo., and again wrote:

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"I found my family in pretty good health, having got along in my absence pretty well. I was from home, in this journey, between five and six weeks, and attended forty meetings.

"And I can say, under the most grateful feelings of my heart, that the Lord has been pleased, in his wonted goodness and mercy, to be with me in all my trials, and in the deep proving seasons through which it has been my lot to pass, and to bear my head above many a rolling billow that has seemed ready to swallow me up; and has also enabled me to perform the service required of me. I was engaged, on many occasions, whilst out on this journey, in an enlarged testimony—not only in vindication of the true principles of the Christian Religion, as set forth in the Holy Scriptures—but against all unrighteousness, and especially against the sin of Infidelity in all of its forms, which seems to be spreading over the land. But it is an encouraging consideration that, as 'sin abounds, so doth grace much more abound;' for the Lord is raising up many instruments, and sending them forth to proclaim the glad tidings of the gospel of life and salvation to a sinful world, to bear their testimony against the flood of iniquity that seems to be poured forth, as out of the very dragon's mouth, in order to destroy the true and wrestling seed of Jacob, and to destroy the foundation of the Christian's hope."

After returning from the foregoing visit, John L. Eddy very soon felt called, in the love of the Gospel, to attend Ohio Yearly Meeting, and its constituted

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meetings. At this time he was a member of Indiana Yearly Meeting, and was made deeply to sympathise with the living members thereof, on account of difficulties that were being introduced by John Wilber, of New England, and his coadjutors; which finally resulted in a separation in many of the meetings belonging to this Yearly Meeting. The manuscript says:

"Having obtained the unity of Friends, I left home on the 10th of 8th mo., 1853, having Ellis Willet, of Owl Creek, for my companion; and we were favored to reach the home of our friends, Thomas and Mary Pinkham, of Salem, Ohio, that evening, where we met with Abraham Morris and wife, dear Friends from our Quarterly Meeting, he being a minister, and is sojourning here this summer; they gave to us a hearty welcome, which was a little cheering to my drooping mind, having felt very poor and unworthy on the way here.

"Sixth day, the 12th mo.—Attended the Select Quarterly Meeting. Seventh day.—Attended the Quarterly Meeting for Discipline; on taking my seat therein, I was awfully bowed in spirit before the Lord, and found a little relief by the shedding of tears; and after a time of solemn waiting upon the Lord, He was pleased to make a way for me to relieve my burdened spirit, by standing forth in vindication of His precious cause; in which I was led to treat largely on the authenticity and Divine authority of the Holy Scriptures, by which I found I drew down the displeasure of some of the members of that meeting, which was publicly expressed by some during the Quarterly

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Meeting; some of them called what I had said unsound doctrine. There appears to be many in this, and other parts of this Yearly Meeting, that manifest an interest in the cause of the Separatists of New England, headed by John Wilber; and are raising much opposition to that good and wholesome order that is established amongst us as a people.

"First day, 14th.—Attended the meeting at Salem, which was large, the forepart of which was a hard, struggling time of silence; it appeared to me that there was a strong opposition to the flowing of the Gospel streams of life and salvation; but in the latter part of the meeting, truth prevailed, and caused a stream of love to flow, to the rejoicing of many hearts. Had an appointed meeting at Goshen, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

"Second day, the 15th.—Attended Springfield Select Quarterly Meeting.

"Third day, the 16th.—At Quarterly Meeting for discipline, in which there appeared no opposition; and it was a comfortable meeting, and Friends rejoiced in the flowings of the Gospel love, that was shed abroad amongst us that day. Stayed with Edward Jenkins, who occupies the residence of our late worthy Friend Thomas French, whose widow is still living, and is alive in the truth."

On the 17th, he attended Salem Meeting, in course; and on the 18th, he attended Middleton Meeting; at this place he writes: "I am not able to set forth the conflict of spirit through which I had to pass at this

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meeting; for it seemed to me that I was encompassed with enemies, ready to devour me; and under these impressions, I remembered the account that we have, of our Saviour being led by the hard-hearted Jews, to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong; but he, passing through the midst of them, went his way; and it was a comfort to me to believe that I should be enabled to pass through without injury. And near the close of the meeting, after suffering indescribable anguish of soul, under a sense of the dreadful condition into which they had fallen, through a false, unsanctified zeal, in supporting the unchristian cause of John Wilber, I was constrained to bring to view the condition of the Jews, immediately preceding their destruction, as a nation, in regard to the fashions that were among them, which produced such awful results, and was in fact the more immediate cause of their downfall; and thus I found some relief, and passed through their midst, and so I went away.

"Seventh day, 20th of 8th mo.—I attended Carmel Monthly Meeting, and in it opened my prospect of meeting the families belonging thereto, which was united with by the meeting; and a committee was appointed to assist me, and yet they refused to make a minute of my acceptable attendance of that meeting, which must be regarded as a plain contradiction in itself; the very fruits of that disorganizing spirit by which they are influenced.

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"First day.—Attended the meeting at Carmel, and had an evening meeting at Elkrun; it was a day of arduous labor, and at night I found myself in a state of peaceful poverty, and retired to rest under a thankful sense of the Lord's goodness to me, a poor and unworthy creature, as I feel myself in His sight."

On the 24th of 8th mo., J. L. Eddy returned to Salem and attended this monthly meeting, where, in the visions of light, he was favored to see and plainly declare the things that should shortly come to pass; for a large majority of those who then constituted that meeting have long since ceased to be members of the Society of Friends. After this meeting, he writes:

"Soon after sitting down in this meeting, all within me was bowed in reverent prostration before the Lord, and under a sense thereof I was constrained to declare an awful message unto them: 'That the walls of the Tower of Babel that they had built was ready to crumble to the ground; that the foundation thereof did tremble, and the language of its builders was being confounded; that the watchword was, Stand from under its walls, lest in the fall thereof ye be buried in the ruins thereof.' Mary Pinkham soon knelt in solemn prayer, and then the meeting engaged in transacting its business.

"Fifth, 25th of 8th mo.—Attended New Garden Monthly Meeting, where, notwithstanding many were disposed to frown on me, I was raised above all fear and opposition, and was enabled to proclaim the everlasting Gospel amongst them, to the praise and glory

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of God Most High. When I produced my certificate, there was much opposition, with an open charge of unsoundness in doctrine, which I suppose was caused by my advocating the Divine authenticity of the Holy Scriptures; but there are many tender Friends here, who received me with a hearty welcome, and bear a testimony against those disorderly proceedings."

On Sixth day, he attended Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting; and on Seventh day, at Springfield Monthly Meeting. On first day, the 28th, he attended Lexington Meeting, at the usual hour, and had an appointed meeting in the evening; and after attending Marlborough Monthly Meeting, he journeyed towards Mount Pleasant, in order to attend the Yearly Meeting, where he met William Pearson and Daniel Barker. Of the Yearly Meeting, he says: "It was but a few times that I opened my mouth to speak in this meeting, it being my lot to sit silent, and to suffer with the suffering seed." He returned home on the 14th of 9th mo., and again found all well.

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CHAPTER II.

Unobtrusive in his character, and ever wont to rank himself with the hindermost of the Shepherd's flock, John L. Eddy was again brought into much spiritual conflict as an embassador of Christ, and a minister of His glorious Gospel; he had long felt that it would be required of him, in the love of the Gospel, to pay a religious visit to New York and New England Yearly Meetings, and to the meetings constituting them, extending to the British Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia; and while the love and service of the dear Master were his heart's delight, he was ready to inquire: Who is sufficient for these things?

Without date he writes:—"Since my return from Ohio, last Fall, I have been mostly about home; have steadily attended our meetings for worship and discipline, except our Yearly Meeting, last Fall; and although I feel myself to be an unworthy, shortcoming creature in many respects, I believe I cannot accuse myself with being an idler during this time of release from public service; for a prospect of visiting the churches in the Eastern States, &c., have weighed heavily on my mind for several years, and increasingly so of late; and I have been disposed to make many excuses, such as I

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am a poor man, and can see no way to defray the necessary expenses. I have also had much thoughtfulness about making suitable provision for my family in my absence. I also feel that I am not eloquent, and have but a small gift in the ministry, very limited in school learning, and but a backwoods man at best. All these considerations at times so contributed to weigh down my spirits, that it did seem to me that the prospect was more than I could give up to. But my great and good Master is Divine; He was pleased to obviate all these difficulties, and to lay His hand heavily upon me, in so much that all in this that I was most attached to was stained in my view; and I almost loathed myself and all about me; and thus I waded along as in the very deep, groaning under the load, when one day in our meeting, during an awful silence that seemed to pervade the whole assembly, I was brought into a close trial of faith on account of this prospect; and I struggled hard to get from under; but the Lord was too strong for me in His unutterable love. He opened the way so before me that I was constrained to yield up all into His holy care and keeping, and to say in the very simplicity of my heart: "Lord, send by me, for if Thou wilt go with me, and be my Alpha and Omega, my bright and morning star, I will go with Thee to the ends of the earth." After this surrender of body, soul and spirit into the Lord's hands, I was favored to feel that peace that passeth all natural understanding; and from that time I have had no scruples that have been lasting; but believe the Lord has laid His hand on me for good; and accordingly

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I laid my concern before Friends, and obtained certificates from our Monthly and Quarterly Meetings."

John L. Eddy left his home, accompanied by Dr. Roberts, of Gilead, on the 4th of fifth mo., 1854, and arrived in Collins, State of New York, on the next day. It was here that several of his younger years had been passed. It was here that he was joined in marriage with the wife he had now left at home. It was here that he was first awakened to a sense of his fallen and undone condition; and it was here that he first entered into covenant with that blessed Saviour, of whose glorious Gospel he was now a minister; and although he esteemed it a great privilege to once more greet his old friends and neighbours, yet he has a higher and holier aim in view, and found it necessary to be diligent in his Master's service. After holding meetings at Clear Creek and Collins he passed on to Hamburg, where Friends were reduced to but few in number; but the Lord was pleased to meet with them and to bless them. Passing through Buffalo and Albany he came to Poughkeepsie; then to Stanford Quarterly Meeting. He says:

"Fifth mo., 12th.—Attended Stanford Quarterly Meeting, which was small—not more than thirty members in the men's meeting, yet we had a good meeting. I was favored with an open time, and Friends seemed like the thirsty ground; ready to drink in the rain that flowed that day upon them like a gentle shower, for the comfort and encouragement of the honest hearted ones, and the arousing of the careless and indifferent ones.

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Taking Nine Partners, Marlborough, Cornwall, and other Meetings in the way, he came to Poughkeepsie, where, on first day morning, the 28th of 5th mo., went to meeting. "Found a goodly number gathered, to whom the Gospel stream flowed sweetly; and my spirit was made to praise the Lord for his unmerited favor, and once more to set up my Ebenezer, and to acknowledge that it is the Lord that hath helped me hitherto. I have to-day entered on my fifty-eighth year, and I have had to look over my past life with sorrow that so much of my precious time has been lost, and not used to the honor and glory of God; and strong desires and secret prayers have arisen in my mind that the few remaining days of my life may be wholly and unreservedly devoted to the service of my Heavenly Father."

He then proceeded onwards to the City of New York, in order to attend the approaching Yearly Meeting. Arriving there on 6th mo., first, he writes: "At ten o'clock went to the Meeting of Ministers and Elders, and again at four in the evening. I found it my place to be a silent visitor in both.

"On sixth day morning the Yearly Meeting for transacting the affairs of the church met. I found it my place to break the silence thereof by uttering a few sentences, in which I found peace. Seventh day, attended both sittings. First day, attended both meetings for worship; in them I was favored with strength to attend to the openings that presented for public service. Second and third days I attended the regular

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sittings of the Yearly Meetings, and on fourth day a meeting for worship was held; and after several had spoken I felt constrained to stand up, and was favored to my own admiration to preach the everlasting Gospel to the tendering of many hearts, and the meeting closed in a solemn manner.

"In the afternoon the Yearly Meeting held another session, and finished its business. This meeting was conducted in much unity and condescension one unto another, and closed under a feeling of solemnity; and notwithstanding I had such deep struggles to pass through, in view of attending this meeting, I can now say in the humility of my soul I feel to rejoice that I have been here; and I am still favored with a willingness, as when I made a surrender of all in the prospect of this journey to follow my Divine Master's leading, even to the ends of the earth, for the sake of peace to my own soul, and a desire that is begotten in me to be obedient to his requirings."

Quitting his pleasant home at William and Mary Woods, he proceeded directly to Newport, Rhode Island, in order to attend New England Yearly Meeting, and after being privileged to attend all its sittings, and having some public service therein, he writes:

"Sixth day, morning.—The yearly meeting closed, Friends having gone through the several sittings thereof, and the important concern that came before them in good order and much harmony, and all ended in peace and love; and although I have not had much public service in this meeting, I believe in being here

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that I have been in my proper place, and I feel to magnify the Lord God, my Redeemer, for His many blessings and favors."

After attending a series of meetings in this vicinity, he again writes: "Although I had some hard labor in these meetings, yet the Lord was pleased on several occasions to enable me, unworthy as I am, to rise above the fear of man, and willing to offer a living sacrifice unto Him; and the Gospel was preached, I humbly trust, in the power of the Lord, who was pleased to be with me, dispensing strength according to my need. At New Bedford, Mass., he was comforted and encouraged at the home of that dignified servant of the Lord, Susan Howland. Then proceeding to Nantucket, he writes:

"Seventh day, 1st of 7th mo.—Proceeded to Nantucket Island by steamboat, and stopped at A. B. Wing's. Made a call on Lydia Harvey, and another woman Friend, both widows. Had a tender opportunity with them, very much to the lifting up of my drooping mind, which had got very low, and the dear aged Friends, at the close of the opportunity, expressed much satisfaction in being once more remembered by the Lord's servant, whereby their mind was strengthened to thank God and take a little courage. Although there was once two large Monthly Meetings on this Island, Friends here have been reduced to a very small number in the late separation caused by John Wilber. Many here identified themselves with him.

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"First day, attended the morning and evening meetings here; but the minds of the people were so raised in high expectation that the Lord saw meet to disappoint them.

"Second day, 3rd of 7th mo.—Went on board the steamboat, and landed at Woodshole; then proceeded to Falmouth. Made a call on a sick Friend named Reuben Dillingham, who had long been afflicted. We dropped into silence, and had a heavenly opportunity with the dear man and his wife. It seemed as much like sitting at the portals of Heaven, ready to be opened, as any opportunity that I can remember.

"On the 6th of 7th mo. — Attended Sandwich Quarterly Meeting for discipline, when the poor servant, waiting at the King's gate, was privileged to mount the King's horse, and ride triumphantly over all that opposes the truth, and the meeting was brought under a very solemn covering, and many were much tendered; but when the meeting was ended I had to dismount and disrobe, and sit at the King's gate in a very low place.

"Seventh day.—At Sandwich Meeting I had to declare the truth to a hypocritical state; and to vindicate the doctrines of future rewards and punishments; and also to comfort the humble followers of the Lamb; and left the meeting with a grateful heart to my Divine Master for favors received.

"On 4th day, the 14th, went to Boston, and visited the Boston Common, and felt a liberty to go and set

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my feet on, or near the spot where those worthy servants of the Lord sealed their testimony with their lives.

"Fifth day.—Attended Salem Monthly Meeting, where I met my much loved friend, James Jones, from Maine. We dined together, and then we parted in much love. He went his way and I went mine for truth's sake. Here, also, at Stephen A. Chase's, where we dined, I parted with my much loved companion, Reuben L. Roberts. He returned home, feeling he had gone as far as truth opened the way. We had labored together in much love and unity, and I was made willing to give him up, although it was a close trial."

John L. Eddy continued his labors in these parts until the 2nd of 8th mo., when he journeyed to Newport, in order to attend Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting. He writes:

"3rd of 8th mo.—Attended the Quarterly Meeting for discipline, where I was enabled to declare the truth in the love of it, which was a great relief to me, for I did not get fully relieved when here before; but now I feel clear to leave the Island.

"Third day, the 8th.—Came to Providence; called at John Meader's, and took the cars for Bolton; reached there in time to attend the select Quarterly Meeting for discipline, where, after passing through much bowedness of spirit, I stood up and was favored to follow the openings of truth. It proved to be a memorable time, and I was once more constrained to say: 'Hitherto the Lord hath helped me, and to His holy name be all the praise, now and for evermore.'

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"Fourth day, 16th of 8th mo.—Took the cars in order to attend Salem Quarterly Meeting, held at Lynn; and on the next day the meeting for discipline was held, which, with the Select Meeting, were highly favored seasons, the Lord being pleased to manifest His goodness to His people in a wonderful manner; it being one more glorious evidence that, although we are a people stripped and peeled, yet the Lord Almighty has not forsaken us, but is still mindful of all those that put their trust in Him alone."

Then, traveling to Dover, New Hampshire, he had many meetings in that vicinity, "the Lord mercifully furnishing strength and ability, according to the occasion;" and coming to North Berwick, he writes:

"Fourth day.—Went to North Berwick, and in the afternoon had a meeting at Oak Woods, where I had to point out the state of a young person, who, if faithful, would be called to the ministry. Fifth day, returned to North Berwick, and attended the Select Quarterly Meeting. The next day attended the Quarterly Meeting for discipline, wherein several testimonies to the truth were borne. A young man belonging to that meeting very solemnly approached the Throne of Grace in prayer. His name is Joel Bean. And near the close of the meeting that worthy mother in Israel, Martha Meader, bowed in solemn supplication to the Throne of Grace: both of which had solemnizing effects.

"Seventh day, 26th of 8th mo.—Took the cars for Portland; arrived there about dark. The next day

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attended their meeting, which is small, but some others coming in made a nice little company, and I had a favored open time in declaring the truth to them. In the afternoon Joel Batty and I visited the inmates of the Alms House, and the prisoners in the jail. Had a favored time in declaring the truth to these poor creatures. I then went to Little Falls, where I had a meeting in a Baptist house. Here I had to preach some close doctrine, which appeared to be well received. After meeting, went to Windham, and next day to Casco, and had a meeting in the afternoon, where I had as hard labor in declaring the truth as I remember to have ever had, in dealing with a spirit of Universalism and Infidelity. It seemed to me there was no openness to receive the Word preached. I endeavored to honestly discharge my duty, and left them. The next day I returned to Windham, and attended Falmouth Select Quarterly Meeting in the afternoon.

"On fifth day, 30th of 8th mo., I attended this Quarterly Meeting for discipline, which, in the part devoted to worship, was large, and I was led to declare the truth. I humbly trust in the demonstration of the Spirit, and with a degree of power, and all ended well.

"31st of 8th mo.—Had an appointed meeting at Durham at 10 o'clock A. M., and in the afternoon attended the funeral of a young woman. Both of these were seasons of favor. Friends expressed much unity and satisfaction with my labors among them, as

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well as in many other places for my encouragement. No doubt many Friends have discovered that I have often been deeply bowed in spirit, and therefore were disposed to lend a hand of help; and it has been a strength to my poor drooping mind, at times, to know that in my exercises and communications I have not been mistaken. After the funeral, went to Litchfield to the house of my very dear friends, Noah and Eliza M. Farr, she being a minister—with whom I met in Vermont a few years ago, and we traveled in religious service together in much unity of feeling.

"First day, 3rd of 9th mo.—Attended Litchfield Meeting, many besides Friends being present; and the poor servant was favored to rise above the fear of man, and to declare the truth in love, and to deal closely and faithfully with an unbelieving and caviling state, and to sound forth the warning to the youth to beware of it.

"Ninth month, 5th.—Went to Manchester meeting-house to attend the Select Quarterly Meeting for Fairfield Quarter. Having, since first day, been very deeply humbled, and have felt my poverty as sensibly as in any time that I have remembrance of, and in this state I went to the meeting; but the dear Master was pleased to make it a season not soon to be forgotten by many who were there.

"Fourth day.—Attended the Quarterly Meeting at large, and the next day, instead of going on to attend Vasselborough Select Quarter, I attended a funeral of a woman Friend; and it was a highly favored time, wherein the good Master was pleased to afford strength

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to sound an alarm to the careless and unconcerned, who were trifling with and trampling under foot the mercies of God, and the faithful were comforted together.

"Sixth day, 8th of 9th mo.—Attended Vasselborough Quarterly Meeting, where I had to deal plainly with some who were getting too high-minded, insomuch that there is danger of falling, having to allude to Judas betraying his Master for money.

"First day.—Attended Vasselborough Meeting in the morning. I had taken some cold, and became hoarse, which made it hard speaking; but feeling a willingness to spend and be spent in my dear Master's service, and for the good of souls, I tried to do as well as I could, and found relief. On the next day, had meeting at China Neck, and dined at the house of my very kind friend, James Jones."

Before leaving his quiet home at Greenwich, John L. Eddy had seen, in the visions of light, that while engaged in this lengthened journey, it would be required of him to visit the Churches, not only in New York, and the New England States, but also to travel extensively in the British Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia; and as he has already industriously engaged within the States for four months, and the time seemed to be drawing near when it would be right for him to leave these parts, and go still farther from his cherished home and all that was most dear to him in this world; he remembered the exercises through which he had to pass, and the covenants that

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he had made previous to engaging in this service; and he could yet cheerfully say: "Thy will, O God, be done;" but was brought into conflict in regard to the real call of his Divine Master, and the propriety of his being thus separated from his family, and traveling as an embassador for the Great Head of the Church.

Under date of 9th mo. 12th, he writes: "Went to Unity; lodged at the house of William Taber, whose kindness, with that of the family, was very great to me, a poor, unworthy traveler in the precious cause; and yet, while here, I had to pass through a deep conflict of spirit; my longings and concern about my family were deeper and more poignant than had been the case since I left home, and it continued with me through the night, and in the morning, very much till meeting time; and I went to meeting in deep thoughtfulness about my family, and in regard to the propriety of my being thus separated from them. But in this meeting I was favored with renewed evidence of my being here in the appointment and counsel of the Divine will, and my thoughts became quieted within me; and I was made once more to resign up all into the hands of my Divine Lord and Master, who doeth all things well; being brought, I trust, in some measure to believe, hope, and endure all things according to my limited capacity; and to say: 'Good is the word of the Lord;' and desire that I may be strengthened to cast all my care upon Him, who careth for all His dependent children, who put their whole trust in His ever-worthy name."

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After attending several meetings, he parted with his dear Friend, Eleazar Berbeck, and took the cars for Portland. He writes:

"While on the cars, I had to look over my travels in this land, thus far, and went into a pretty close examination thereof, and felt the retrospect to be sweet peace; that hitherto the Lord has been with me, and my soul bows and worships before Him.

"Ninth mo., 29th, 1854.—Spent the day in Portland, and met Stephen Jones, who is to accompany me to the British Provinces, he having Peace Jones, a sister to Eli Jones, with him; she is going on a visit to her sister in Nova Scotia. Accordingly, about seven in the evening, we went on board the steamer "Governor," bound for St. John, New Brunswick, and arrived there the next evening about sunset, and as the steamer to Nova Scotia runs only once in the week, and had left that morning, we had to look for some other passage; and it being seventh day night, we went to Isaac Woodwards, and were kindly received and cared for.

"First day morning, 1st of 10th mo.—After considering the matter, I concluded to have some meetings appointed; one was in the parish of Portland, and the other on the Carlton side of St. John's river; both were well attended, and the people behaved very orderly.

"Second day, morning, 9th of 10th mo.—At the house of James Van Blarcom, Granville, Nova Scotia, spent last week, until seventh day, at St. John, when we took the steamer for Annapolis, and arrived here

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that evening, and were kindly received; Eunice Van Blarcom being Peace Jones' sister, they accounted it a great privilege to thus meet, not having seen each other for two years. Yesterday, we attended the meeting with Friends here, where I was renewedly confirmed that I am in my proper place in this foreign land; for the Lord was pleased to magnify Himself amongst us, to the tendering of many hearts, who bowed and worshipped before Him.

"I believe it was in the ordering of Divine Providence, that we were detained at St. John; for we were very desirous to attend the Half Year's Meeting, which is held here in last week, and made strong efforts to accomplish our desires, but were prevented; and we found it our place to have two more meetings there during the week, which were largely attended, and gave good satisfaction generally; solicitations were frequently made for more meetings. We had many precious opportunities in private circles, where we opened the doctrines of Friends, and circulated tracts, which were well received; there were many inquiring minds that were anxious to form an acquaintance with our principles, and, by invitation, we made several calls in families, that were very satisfactory."

After attending the meetings of Friends in Granville, and holding several appointed meetings, John L. Eddy and S. Jones set out for Pictou, a distance of two hundred miles; taking the meetings of Friends, and visiting isolated members on the way, they reached Pictou on the 18th of 10th mo.

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The manuscript says: "Spent the remainder of the day in town, and saw most of the Friends that belonged here, and made arrangements for some meetings, this being the farthest north of any Friends of New England Yearly Meeting.

"First day, 22.—Attended the meeting with Friends here; much tender feeling was experienced and counsel given, and our spirits were filled with heavenly consolation. We were brought very near to each other in the bonds of the Gospel, and so we parted in tender love. S. Jones and I turned our faces towards Annapolis.

"26th of 10th mo.—Came to Bridgetown, to the house of C. Fitz Randolph, and her son kindly took us over the mountains to J. Van Blarcom's, on the Granville Shore of the Bay of Fundy, where we arrived about noon, found them all well, including dear Peace Jones, whom we had left with her sister.

"James Van Blarcom and wife had concluded to accompany us over to Maine to spend the winter, so the next morning we came over the mountains to New Caledonia, opposite to Annapolis Royal, where we had a satisfactory meeting with the inhabitants.

"Seventh day, 28th.—Went on board the steamer about 8 a.m., had a pleasant passage and arrived at St. John at 3 p.m.

"First day, 29th of 10th mo.—Having to wait until second day for a passage to Portland, I was exercised in mind how I should use this day, and a concern arose in me to visit the prisoners in the Penitentiary for the

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Province of New Brunswick, at this place, and also, to have a meeting in the evening in the Methodist Meeting House, which was very kindly offered; and means were taken to give notice there of S. Jones and I, accompanied by John Owen, who is one of the Commissioners of the Penitentiary, proceeded there, and were privileged to have a religious meeting with the inmates, they being soon seated in the meeting room in an orderly manner.

"It was the first time I had ever been within the walls of the Institution, and I felt it to be a great trial to give up thereto; but the Lord prospered his own work, and made the way as we moved along in the concern, and we had a good meeting with them, and many appeared very tender.

"We then returned in order to attend our evening meeting, which was largely attended and seemed to be the crowning meeting in this part of the land.

"Second day morning.—Went on board the steamer Governor, bound for Portland. From there to Durham to attend Falmouth Quarterly Meeting."

Taking many meetings on the way he came to Providence, R.I., and again went to the house of John Meader, he says:

"On Fifth day, the 16th of 11th mo.—I attended their meeting, and a sweetly comforting meeting it proved to be. Near the close—my mind being clothed with reverence—it occurred to me, this is truly a crowning meeting, it being the last, as far as I could now see, that I should attend in New England.

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"On first day, the 19th of 11th mo.—We attended the morning meeting in New York City, and proceeded to Long Island, and had meetings at Flushing and Westbury; returning to New York we find him afresh dedicating himself, and penning the following touching lines: "Unto Thee, O God, I dedicate my all, to whom be honor, might, dominion, and high renown, both now and forever. Amen."

Taking several more meetings he writes:

"First day, 26th of 11th mo.—Attended meeting at Peekskill in the morning, and Croton in the evening, —both large; and I was favored to find relief in relieving my spirit, being largely drawn forth in testimony.

"Having nearly finished the prospect I had in view on leaving home, the retrospect is peaceful, and I do not know but that I may set my face towards my dear family and friends; and in looking over this long journey I can truly say, that, 'Hitherto the Lord hath helped me.' Put up at James Brown's, of Peekskill.

"But I may remark, that during the silent part of the meeting, at Croton, the thought crossed my mind of going again to the Valley Meeting, on the west side of the Hudson River, but I soon put it by, and attended to the concerns of the present occasion, and the day closed peacefully; but on retiring to rest the Valley Meeting again presented, and I found, if I did not give up to the concern, it would rob me of one of the sheaves that I desired to carry home with me. I accordingly had notice given for a meeting there on

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third day, and the Lord, my Divine Master, was pleased to stand by His poor, unworthy servant that day; and it proved to be a day to be long remembered by many who were there; and at the close of the meeting I was made to rejoice that the way was now clear for me to return home, which I reached on the 30th of 11th month, 1854, and found my dear wife and family all in good health, for which unmerited favor I desire to return the tribute of thanksgiving and praise to the Lord my God, who has preserved me and them in our long separation, for the Gospel's sake.

"I remained at and about home, attending to and enjoying my domestic concerns, although the drouth in this part of Ohio was severe during the summer of this year, and there was much suffering in the land; many cattle dying in consequence of the shortness of keeping, and the crops from my little farm coming in so small, that we seemed to have a poor prospect for a living; but I have great cause for thankfulness of heart to Divine Providence for interposing on my behalf, for means were obtained from sources that I did not look to, and I can acknowledge on this, as on other occasions, that even in temporal things I am not the worse, but the better, for being faithful to the calls of my Divine Lord and Master; and I hope that none may look too much on outward circumstances when calls to religious duties are presented, for if any poor servant ever had cause to believe, I have, that where faithfulness is abode in, the Lord will furnish the necessary provision for the performance of that which is called for at our

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hands; and, sometimes, even a way will be made where there seems to be no way, for it is no less than the mighty God with whom we have to do.

"I have diligently attended our meeting for worship and discipline, and in order to attend our Yearly and Quarterly Meetings, we have to perform much travel yet. Since my return from the East, last Fall, I have been favored to attend them all in due course, which I esteem a great favor.

"Our Yearly Meeting of tenth month was a very solemn and interesting one. We had many ministering Friends from other Yearly Meetings, and the showers of Gospel love that fell upon us through the instrumentality of these was truly refreshing to the weary traveler Zionwards.

"After my return from the Yearly Meeting, I felt drawings in my mind to visit, in Gospel love, the meetings in my own Quarterly Meeting. And having obtained the unity of Friends at home, went forth."

He writes:—"After attending Gilead and Alum Creek Monthly Meetings, and the meetings constituting them, he came to Goshen, on the 8th of 12th month. First day, attended Goshen meeting in the morning, and an appointed one in the evening, near Pickrell Town, for the colored people, which was a comfortable little meeting. With the exception of second day, this week was occupied in attending meetings, within the limits of this Monthly Meeting, including the Select Preparative and Monthly Meetings. In all of these meetings the dear Master was

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pleased to strengthen me in times of need, for surely there were times when I was brought into deep poverty, and provings of spirit, and let all the praise be given to His holy name alone.

"On second day, of the following week, Mahlon and Esther Pickrell took me a distance of twenty miles to see a little company of colored people, who a few years ago were emancipated from slavery. We had a meeting with them, where the truths of the gospel were plainly declared to them, which seemed to be received by some with much thankfulness. It was an interesting meeting and, we felt well rewarded. Whilst attending to the foregoing engagements the language of John Churchman often occurred to my mind, who, when traveling abroad, met with William Brown, who inquired of him what he was doing there? John answered: 'I am paying up some little debts, in expectation that a much larger one will soon be called for at my hands.' For it has often presented to my mind, and I apprehend it is from the spring of life, that it will be required of me to make a pretty extensive visit within the limits of Philadelphia and Ohio Yearly Meetings, and to attend New York Yearly Meetings and a few meetings belonging thereto, which, with the view of the state of things in Philadelphia Yearly Meetings, has produced a great shrinking in my mind with regard to the place, I am not qualified to discharge such a duty; and I have said in my heart if I must go there, I desire the qualification that is brought to view in the language of the dear Master: 'Be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.'

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"Second mo., 21st, 1856.—To-day was our Week-day Meeting, mostly in silence, entirely so on my part; but I was deeply exercised therein, for as I sat in silence, with my mind turned inward to wait upon the Lord, the prospect of going to Philadelphia was brought afresh before me. But, oh, the deep and abiding struggles through which I have passed for months, in which state I have been ready to cry out, as it was to-day, when I have been brought into a degree of submission, and to say, in the sincerity of my soul: 'Lord here am I, send by me!'

"Third mo., 21st.—To-day was our Monthly Meeting, in which I was strengthened to lay my concern before Friends, to attend the approaching Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia and New York, and to visit the meetings of Philadelphia and Ohio, and a few in New York Yearly Meetings, which was very fully united with by the meeting, which was a great confirmation to me, and all within me bowed before the great I Am; but this prospect is yet to be laid before our Quarterly Meeting, and I feel cheerfully to acquiesce in the beautiful economy of the Church, of the good order in regard to ministers, so that none can impose upon Friends or others.

"Fourth mo., 9th, 1856.—Our Quarterly Meeting was held on the 31st of last month, and we had the company of Moses H. Reede, from Rhode Island, and M. B. Pinkham, from Salem, Ohio, both valuable servants of the Lord. My concern was fully united with, and I was much humbled before the Lord, and I was

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constrained to express to my dear friends the gratitude that I felt to flow to my Heavenly Father for the blessing of unity.

"The time has nearly come when I expect to leave my home, and all the tender ties that bind a husband and a father to the objects of his solicitude here on earth; and notwithstanding the strong evidence both inwardly and outwardly that has been vouchsafed, yet my poor, trembling spirit is at times ready to shrink from the service. 'Be pleased, O Lord, to strengthen, according to Thy wonted goodness, the weakness that is in me, and enable me to do Thy will in earth as it is done in Heaven; and surely all the praise and glory shall be ascribed unto Thee, and the Son of Thy love, through the Eternal Spirit, Amen, both now and forever.'"

John L. Eddy left home on the 12th of 4th mo., 1856, having James Jackson, of Gilead, for his companion; they came to Salem, Ohio, that evening, and on the next day attended meeting there and at Springfield; passing on, they reached the kind home of Amos and Edith Griffith, Brownsville; and on fourth day they attended Redstone and Westland Meetings, and were favored to reach Philadelphia on the 18th of 4th mo.; and on the following day attended the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, wherein he felt to appropriate to himself the language: 'Oh, that mine head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people.'

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The manuscript says:

"On second day, the 21st of 4th mo., the Yearly Meeting at large commenced, and sat some time in silence, before the opening minute was read; and it felt to me more like the solemnity of death, than of a living, heartfelt, solemn gathering of kindred spirits, for the purpose of a united offering unto the Lord, of that worship which is due from hearts cheered by a sense of the great love and mercy of our blessed Redeemer.

"On fourth day morning, the Meeting of Ministers and Elders closed its several sittings, and, just before the concluding minute was read, I ventured to give expression to the feelings that had pervaded my mind, not only in this, but in all the sittings of the Yearly Meeting, that a solemnity was over the meeting; and it seemed to me more as the solemnity of death, rather than of a life-giving hope, that cheers the true-hearted followers of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

After the Yearly Meeting, John L. Eddy writes: "First day morning, 28th of 4th mo.—Since being here, I have made many pleasant calls, and had a number of precious opportunities of religious services, to the tendering, and, I doubt not, to the strengthening of many minds. Some valued Friends have said they believed that I was here in the right time, which has been a comfort to me; but how I shall get through to-day, I cannot tell, for I am in the city, and have no doubt but that trials await me; but it is the Lord that hath helped me hitherto. Attended Twelfth-street

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meeting in the morning, and the Lord was pleased once more to be my helper, and to enable me to declare His truth to a large company; and I had especially to speak to a state of infidelity. The meeting was a good one, and Friends were comforted in believing that revelation had not ceased; for there were some present who belong to an association designed to bring Christianity into dispute, and to promote Infidelity. I desire to ascribe all the praise to the Lord alone. In the afternoon, I attended the meeting for the Northern District, which was a trial of faith to me; I sat the meeting in silence, and, after meeting, I told a Friend they could not accuse me of preaching unsound doctrine. He replied, he was truly glad it happened so.

"Second day, 28th of 4th mo.—This morning, my companion, James Jackson, informed me that he believed it to be best for him now to leave me and return home; and we accordingly informed Friends thereof, that they might know that no disagreement existed between us, for we have traveled together in near unity; and although it was a close trial, I endeavored to give him up cheerfully. We took the boat for New Jersey, and there we took an affectionate leave, he for home, and I went on that evening to Woodbury, and put up at Woodstown."

In the daily records, which John L. Eddy made, of his various exercises and trials, while attending Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and its constituent meetings, we find a lengthened and accurate account of the state of society that then existed in that large Yearly Meet-

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ing; innovations were being introduced, and disunity prevailed to such an extent, that a separation in that body seemed inevitable. And this result was no doubt anticipated by J. L. Eddy, when he penned the account. But such a separation did not take place; the storm that then so threateningly hung over that Yearly Meeting, has since, in some measure, subsided into a calm; and at this late date, the compiler of this little volume chooses rather to throw oblivion's sabled shade over those trying records of the past, than to perpetuate them; consequently, only a very small part of the account is offered to the reader.

Taking Salem Select and Monthly Meeting, also Greenwich Monthly Meeting, he attended the meeting at Woodstown; and he says:

"It was small, but a favored meeting, and, feeling liberty, I was drawn out, in much tenderness of feeling, to declare the truth as it is in Jesus, to some, that I believe were willing to hear, and many that were present were tendered to tears. And this meeting ended well, and we parted in much love; and I felt to magnify and praise the great name of the Lord, for His goodness and mercy to me, a poor and unworthy creature, especially unworthy of the dignified gift of a part in the ministry of the grace of God. And I desire that I may be preserved from abusing that gift; and that what I am, I may be, by the grace and favor of my Heavenly Father, and may so live that all may redound to His glory.

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"First day, 4th of 5th mo.—Attended Haddonfield Meeting, a deeply baptizing time; had an appointed meeting in the evening at New Town, near Camden, where my good Master was pleased to open a door of utterance; then passed over to Philadelphia that evening. On second day, the 5th, attended the Quarterly Meeting for this place, where I was constrained to allude to the sure and false foundations; and, also, of building a tower that should reach to Heaven; that such a structure would crumble and fall to the ground. In the evening, passed over to Burlington; lodged at William J. Allison's, and on the three succeeding days I attended Chesterfield, Upper Springfield, and Burlington Monthly Meetings. At Burlington, I visited the widow of Stephen Grellet, who is in feeble health, her beloved husband having deceased not long since. He was one of the Lord's valiants in his day and generation, and was gathered in a good old age, like as a shock of corn fully ripe. Went out and visited Richard Mott, who is truly green in old age; stayed there all night, and returned to Burlington in the morning; made a few calls, which seemed to be profitable seasons. Took a passage in the forenoon, accompanied by William J. Allison, for Philadelphia; in the afternoon, made several calls, having the company of Rebecca Collins, Mary Whital and Sarah Smiley; in the evening, returned to my lodging at M. C. Cope's, and, in retirement, had a peaceful retrospect of my labors in the past week.

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"Seventh day morning, 10th of 5th mo.—In company with Rebecca Collins, made several calls; some of these calls were to those in affliction, and I felt glad that I was privileged to mingle and share a little with them in their trials and sufferings, and in some to administer a little balm to their afflicted spirits. In the afternoon, I again left the city, and went to Wilmington, Delaware. First day, the 11th.—Attended this meeting, both morning and evening; that in the morning was largely attended, many who are not members being there; and I felt it required of me to again raise my voice in vindication of the truth, being raised up from a very low place, into which I had been introduced, under a sense of my utter unworthiness of even the least of the Lord's favors; and I was again enabled to stand before men, and fearlessly to proclaim life and salvation through a crucified, risen, and glorified Redeemer, to dying mortals. That in the evening was a time of favored silence, till near the close, when I was again drawn out in tenderness and love, to address a few remarks to those who were endeavoring to walk in the strait and narrow way; also to those who were indulging too much in the vanities of the world. Afterwards, I was brought silently to return thanks to my Heavenly Father, for His wonder-working power manifested that day.

Fifth mo., 12th.—Attended Concord Select Quarterly Meeting. In the evening went to Rebecca Trimble's. A quiet retreat—a retreat that suited me well, for my mind was brought under a close exercise, and deep

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baptism, which caused such sadness, that I did not enjoy company, and I passed the time partly in doors, and partly in walking the fields during that evening. The next day attended the Quarterly Meeting at large.

"Fifth mo., 15th.—Attended Caln Select Quarterly Meeting, and the prospect of attending the Quarterly Meeting for discipline to-morrow is very trying to me. I have had to query with myself what I am here for? feeling many misgivings and forebodings; but I desire to trust in the Lord, who has so often made bare his arm for my deliverance and escape; and I endeavor as much as possible to keep in the quiet, and to wait all the appointed time. On the next day attended the Quarterly Meeting, where my Divine Master condescended to be with his poor servant."

After holding meetings at Darley, Haverford, and Merion, he passed on to Bernigat, and wrote: "Attended their meeting on fourth day, where was suffering silence, till near the close, when a little life arose, in which I stood up, thinking to give expression to a few sentences and then close the meeting; but ideas presented from little to more, until my whole soul was absorbed, and a highly favored time was experienced, and many hearts were tendered; and my spirit magnified the Lord for all His wonderful works, and tender dealings with His dependent children.

"First day, 25th of 5th mo.—Attended Mount Holly Meeting, which is small, and Friends seemed to be in rather a low state; and I felt to travel with them in a low place, and to take some suffering ones, as by the

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hand, and lead them to the Saviour, and encourage them to hold fast their confidence in the Lord's power.

"Second day.—Attended the Select Quarterly Meeting of Burlington, a highly favored meeting; had the company of Ann Kenworthy, from Richmond, Indiana Third day.—Attended the Quarterly Meeting for discipline, where was Rebecca Updegraff, from Mount Pleasant, Ohio. At this meeting, the Lord was pleased to be with his poor ministers, who often feel deeply bowed before Him; and many hearts were baptized together on that occasion, not only into suffering, but also were made to rejoice in the Lord, and to joy in the God of their salvation."

After attending this Quarterly Meeting, J. L. Eddy proceeded directly to New York, in order to attend the Yearly Meeting. On the 27th of 5th mo., he attended two sittings of Yearly Meeting for ministers and elders, where he was inexpressibly rejoiced to again meet with John Meader, from New England, and Jacob Healy, from his own meeting. This was "a highly favored meeting, and many hearts were made to feel the tendering influence of heavenly good, that flowed sweetly from one to another." John L. Eddy writes:

"It fell to my lot to break the silence, in the morning, in a short testimony. Although very much in the cross, feeling myself to be the least of the flock and family, and utterly unworthy of the great and dignified favors of the Lord, in giving me a place among His people.'

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Of the opening and closing sittings of the Yearly Meetings, for discipline, he gives the following account:

"Sixth day, 30th of 5th mo.—Attended the Yearly Meeting for discipline; and very soon after it was gathered, I was induced by the constraining influence of Divine love to stand upon my feet and declare such close doctrine, as almost alarmed myself; but when I found the real state of the meeting by the reading and answering of the queries, I was glad that I was strengthened to attend to my concern when I did, for it was of such a nature that it would have been very improper after the state of the meeting was made known.

"Fifth day, 5th of 6th mo.—This morning was held the concluding sitting of the Yearly Meeting, and there being some forward spirits present they manifested it by their great restlessness and fondness of being heard. The burden of these things had been accumulating upon my mind, but I had almost despaired of getting relief, when Richard Mott arose, and requested the Friends to gather into silence, and have a little quiet before we separated, that the stranger Friends may have an opportunity of relieving their minds before we parted; this had the desired effect, and I had a relieving opportunity with them; then the meeting closed in a solemn manner, and I took a tender leave of many dear friends."

After the close of the Yearly Meeting J. L. Eddy proceeded to visit some of the meetings belonging to

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New York, and when feeling relieved he returned to Philadelphia, and continued his religious engagements within that Yearly Meeting until the seventh month, 27th, when he penned the following lines:

"Attended Twelfth-street Meeting, Philadelphia, and was largely drawn forth in vindication of the Christian religion, and in exposing infidelity, there being few except Friends in the meeting. At the close of this meeting I took a solemn leave of Friends, expecting to leave in the morning and journey towards Ohio; having, as I apprehend, accomplished the work that was given me to do in this part of the land; and while penning this account I am favored to feel that sweet peace that the world knows not of."

Having been constantly engaged within the limits of Philadelphia and New York Yearly Meetings for more than three months, and being now privileged to quit this interesting field of religious service with the reward of sweet peace, he for a time resumed his labors within the limits of Ohio Yearly Meeting. On the 10th of 8th mo. he came to Salem, to the home of his dear friends T. and M. Pinkham; and he wrote:

"Eighth mo., 11th.—Attended Springfield Select Quarterly Meeting, held at Damascus, where I met with Wm. Pearson, and Julian McCool, from Iowa, having been acquainted with these dear Friends when their homes were in Ohio, I was rejoiced to meet with them again; we had a good meeting, and were edified in being together. On the next day I attended the Quarterly Meeting for business, where was dear

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Abraham Morris of Gilead; he has recently buried his dear wife, and is now here visiting his aged mother, and other friends; he bore a living testimony in the early part of the meeting, which opened the way for more, of which a pretty large share fell to my lot, and my labors closed in this journey with this meeting; and it is truly a favor to feel that I may now return to my family and friends, feeling that I have endeavoured to discharge my duty while out with a good degree of fidelity to my Divine Master; and shall, I trust, be privileged to return with a good degree of peace.

"Eighth mo., 13th.—About seven in the evening got off the cars at Greenwich, where my dear wife and several of my children met me and conveyed me home, where I found all in good health, and was privileged to feel true peace of mind and thankfulness of heart for having been favored to accomplish what seemed to be required of me. And in consideration of the great and marvelous condescension of my Heavenly Father, in that he has been so good to me, and blest me with such unmerited blessings, I do desire to ascribe to His Holy name all glory, thanksgiving, and high renown, both now, and for ever. Amen.

"Twelfth mo., 22nd.—I have made no entry for some time, but have got along about in my usual way, struggling with outward poverty; and this has always been my lot; and most of the time I have felt spiritually poor, and yet there have been times and seasons when my Dear Master has condescended to behold the

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low estate of his poor and unworthy servant, and so to dispose of his abundant riches, that I have been made to rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

"In the ninth month of this year, my wife and I attended our Quarterly Meeting at Goshen, and then journeyed on to our Yearly Meeting at Richmond, Indiana, which was a highly favored annual gathering, and among other subjects that came before the Yearly Meeting was that of attaching Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting to Ohio Yearly Meeting, which was accordingly done by a very united judgment and expression of the meeting, and we are soon to be considered members of Ohio Yearly Meeting, and I, for one, cheerfully acquiesce in the meeting's judgment."

Furnished with proper credentials from his Friends at home, J. L. Eddy again left his home, on the 2nd of 1st mo., 1857, in order to pay a general visit to the meetings of Friends in the State of Indiana; and as his prospect embraced the greater part of the meeting that now constitutes Indiana, and Western Yearly Meetings, the field of religious labor which he had undertaken to travel over was extensive; and during the following three months he was industriously engaged in this field, a few of his memoranda while thus engaged are presented to the reader:

"Second mo., 4th, 1857.—On the three preceeding days I have attended the three Monthly Meetings composing Union Quarter, all favored meetings, and many hearts were made to rejoice together under a

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sense of the great goodness of the Lord, and His tender mercy to us, in that He is yet pleased to dispense unto His people the holy influence of His love, whereby they are privileged to drink together at the one celestial fountain, to the refreshing of their often thirsty souls. I have of late, at times, been plunged into deep poverty, and baptism of spirit, that has been a close trial of faith; but, blessed be the name of the Lord He has hitherto delivered me out of all these trials, insomuch that I have abundant cause to raise the tribute of thanksgiving and praise to His great and glorious name.

"Second mo., 6th.—Attended the Select Meeting for Union Quarter; it was a highly favored meeting, in which many were made to drink together from the one cup of divine consolation. On the next day was held the Quarterly Meeting for discipline; and truly it was an high day, for the shout of a king was heard in the camp, and the Gospel was proclaimed in demonstration of the spirit and with power; and those that were cast down and discouraged at the trials and afflictions with which we are surrounded, and also by the buffetings of Satan, were brought to feel that the Lord had not forgotten to be gracious, but that good is yet dispensed to them. And, oh, may I not record the tender dealings of the Lord towards me, a poor and unworthy worm of the dust, for His arm has often been made bare for my help and deliverance, for which I have abundant cause to set up my Ebenezer, and acknowledge that He hath helped me hitherto.

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"At Western, 2nd mo., 12th.—Arrived here last evening, and have appointed a meeting for this afternoon; and notwithstanding I can sometimes remember past favors with a great deal of interest, but as this is the beginning of service in this quarter, I feel as though I were entering upon a new battlefield, and although some victories have been won, yet I know not what may be in the future, and the language of my soul is: 'May I trust in the Lord all the days of my life, that it may be well with me, and that God may have all the praise.'

"At Newport, 3rd mo., 30th.—To-day our Quarterly Meeting is held at Alum Creek, and my heart swells with tender love and affectionate kindness to my dearly beloved friends who are met there; and oh, how glad should I be to mingle, as I have often done, with kindred spirits there, who are the children of our Father, bound together in the bonds of unity, and sympathy one with another; but I feel that my Divine Master has a right to dispose of me as He sees meet; and I feel an ardent desire that I may accomplish that which is designed for me in this journey, so that when I am privileged to return to my home the dear Master's presence may go with me, and I feel renewedly to commit myself to His Divine guidance.

"Fourth mo., 8th, 1857.—Arived at Greenwich about noon, and hearing of a funeral in the neighbourhood that was to be conducted after the order of Friends, I walked directly to the Friend's house, and being a little late, (the meeting was set), found many of my

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dear friends and neighbors assembled on the occasion; and I felt constrained to stand forth and express the tender sympathy that I felt with the bereaved ones; also to declare the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to expose some of the delusions held in this day by designing men, who are acting under the influence of the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now rules in the hearts of the children of disobedience. Here I again met my dear wife and several of my children and went home with them, and felt thankful to be once more at my own dear home, and to feel the reward of sweet peace.

"Seventeenth.—I have attended our meetings as they came in course since my return, and to-day was our Monthly Meeting, in which I was strengthened to relieve my mind, exhorting those who were laboring under trials and discouragements to bear them with christian firmness and fortitude, bringing to view many of the examples recorded in Holy Writ. Friends were much tendered, and we were comforted together; and feeling relieved from further labor in the limits of Indiana, I returned my certificate with some account of my visit which was satisfactory to the meeting.

"Fourth mo., 18th.—Busily employed about my temporal concerns, but my mind is often turned towards Philadelphia, for the time for holding that Yearly Meeting is at hand, and I feel a deep interest in their welfare.

"Sixth mo., 19th.—To-day I was liberated by my friends to visit the meetings and families of Alum

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Creek Monthly Meeting, a service that has often presented to the view of my mind, and feeling that the time had come, in much humility of soul I laid the concern before my friends, and expect to proceed therein directly after our Quarterly Meeting.

"First day, 21st.—Our meeting was large many besides Friends came in; and I felt it required of me to once more stand forth as a public advocate for the cause of truth, and to plead with my fellow creatures to receive the truth as it is in Jesus.

"29th.—Attended our Quarterly Meeting at Gilead; had the very acceptable company of dear Ann Taylor, of Mount Pleasant, Ohio. She is ninety years of age, a veteran soldier, indeed, in the Lamb's warfare. We had also Mary Thomas, from Plainfield—a highly favored meeting. I returned the minute that liberated me for religious service in Indiana. After the meeting I proceeded directly to Owl Creek, having Israel Wood for my companion. On fourth day attended the meeting there, which was a heart-tendering time, and to the Lord be all the praise. Then commenced visiting the families of that meeting, which we were enabled to perform, and returned to Gilead on seventh day evening. On first day attended Alum Creek Meeting, notice having been given that I would be there. The meeting was well attended, and ability was received to preach the everlasting Gospel in the love of it. We then proceeded to visit the families of that meeting, which occupied the time until fourth day morning; then attended the mid-week meeting at Gilead, in

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which I was silent; and it seemed a great retreat after being so closely engaged in visiting families, having made upwards of fifty such visits, and this was a very relieving service; and before engaging in it I passed through much conflict, pleading many excuses, being pretty much alone this season on my farm, and I could not see how my temporal business was to be attended to if I left home; but I was favored to do as I often have done, to give up all into the hands of my Divine Lord and Master, and He was pleased to make hard things easy, yea, and bitter things sweet.

"Unexpectedly one of my sons came home and attended to my farm, so that I have abundant cause to bless and magnify the great name of the Lord, my God, who doeth wondrously, and so often makes a way for me where I can see no way, so I feel that it would be wrong in me ever to distrust His providential care again; but my weakness is such that when these great things are called for my very soul shrinks therefrom when I consider my utter unworthiness; but the word of the Lord shall endure forever, blessed be His holy name; and if these experiences of mine may in any future day be a strength and encouragement to any poor and tried mind, the object in penning them will be attained.

"I returned home on the 8th of 7th mo. and found all well. Bless the Lord, oh, my soul! for His mercy endureth forever.

"Seventh mo., 23rd.—My soul is often bowed before the Lord in prospect of future service in the truth.

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Although I know not what a day may bring forth, and seeing the late period in life in which I entered this field of labor, I feel that I have a great deal to do and but a short time allotted to me, for old age is coming apace, and a few more rolling suns will bring me to the termination of all things here, and the desire of my heart is that the remainder of my days may be used to the glory and honor of my Heavenly Father, that when the awful period shall come I may be enabled to say: 'Come, Lord Jesus, for Thy servant is ready.'

"Oh, Lord, God omnipotent! this favor and unspeakable blessing I ask for the Redeemer's sake. Amen.

"Tenth mo., 3rd.—I have made no entry since the above date, having much of the time felt great poverty of spirit, and my time has been closely occupied; but some things have occurred in the intervening time that are worthy to be recorded and remembered. It having been seen best, as was apprehended, to attach Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting to Ohio Yearly Meeting, we were directed to report thereto this year, and feeling very desirous to attend the same, I was providentially favored to go. The meeting was held at Mount Pleasant, commencing on 7th of 9th mo., and was a highly favored meeting. A number of the Lord's messengers from other Yearly Meetings were present, and were as clouds filled with water that distilled like Heavenly dew.

"After returning home I attended our Monthly Meeting which was held on the 18th of 9th mo., when

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I laid before the meeting a concern that had long rested on my mind, to attend the Yearly Meetings of Baltimore and North Carolina, and to visit most of the meetings constituting them, which was united with; and on the 24th of 7th mo. I laid the same before our Quarterly Meeting, where it was also united with, and under a sense of the Lord's presence my soul bowed and worshipped before Him, and kindred spirits were privileged to mingle together in the feeling of Heavenly fellowship; and I believe the tribute of praise ascended from off the altar of many hearts to the Great and Glorious One who rules in the Armies of Heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth.

"After attending our Quarterly Meeting I stopped at Gilead and attended their First Day Meeting, which was large, and I was enabled to raise my voice once more in vindication of the truth, and it was a highly favored meeting; and for my encouragement several valued Friends expressed their satisfaction with my being there; and I returned home in peace, and am making preparations for my journey, which will occupy several months.

"Tenth mo., the 10th, 7th day.—In consequence of my family affairs, I was brought very low this afternoon, and for a little time I was almost ready to call in question the plain evidences of it being required of me to go abroad in truth's service; and I was tempted to say that I will stay at home at all hazards, but the reply seemed to be presented to my mind suddenly, and very forcibly: 'If thou dost, it will cost thee thy

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life,' which remained very weightily with me, and I was made to believe that it would be even so; so that the struggle seemed to be between life and death, and it remained with me that night and next morning, until meeting time; and the conflict was so great that I shed many tears, but found little relief.

"First day, the 11th.—Went to meeting. Bowed down under a very deep sense of poverty, and with desires to do right; but the enemy was not willing to let go his hold; but a stronger than he was there. The meeting was largely attended that day by Friends, as well as others, and I had not sat long before all within me was bowed before the Eternal One; and I felt that I had a legacy of love from my Divine Master to those gathered on that solemn and deeply interesting occasion; and I was enabled to give up to deliver the same, alluding at the same time to its being the last meeting I should attend before my departure. It proved to be a favored time, and many were affected to tears; and dear Rachael Washburn knelt before the throne in solemn supplication, and the meeting closed in a solemn manner.

"I returned from the meeting feeling abundantly relieved of my doubts; and I was once more made willing to go at the Lord's bidding, even if it should be at the loss of all things here on earth, so that I may save my life, and be enabled to work out my salvation with trembling before God; and self is brought into so little repute with me, that if it were required of me to go to the very ends of the earth, on

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the Lord's errands, I could give up all and go, for I feel that it is all of unmerited mercy that I am yet on praying ground with my Heavenly Father."

Having the full unity of his Friends at home, and furnished with a certificate of this unity, J. L. Eddy, on the 15th of 10th mo., 1857, again bid his family an affectionate farewell, and went forth to visit the churches abroad, and to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ; but not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. To preach the Gospel of Christ; "Not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth."

He stopped at Cleveland, and attended the mid-week Meeting of Friends, where M. F. knelt in supplication, and put forth an earnest petition on his behalf. He journeyed on from Cleveland, and arrived in Baltimore on the 16th of the same mo., where M. Wanzer, from Goshen, joined him as companion.

We take from his diary the following entries:

"Tenth mo., 17th.—I attended the Select Yearly Meeting, where I met several other ministers from abroad. This meeting is small, but much tenderness prevailed; and much sympathy was felt for them, which found expression in words of tenderness to the company gathered.

"First day, a favored day. A portion of vocal service fell to my lot. T. F. and C. F. Coffin were also vocally engaged. At seven in the evening I attended a meeting for the colored people, which was held in

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one of their meeting houses. There were from six to seven hundred present, and my feelings were drawn out in a weighty manner to speak to the audience, endeavoring to open to them our belief in the great, and fundamental doctrines of the Christian religion as set forth in the Holy Scriptures; and after I sat down Thomas Frazer arose, and was favored to address them in a tender manner; and it was a soul refreshing time, long to be remembered by some that were there. There are fifteen places of religious worship for the colored people in this large city, and very little of the blighting influence of slavery to be seen here.

"Second day, 19th.—The Yearly Meeting for business was opened, and conducted in a very orderly and solemn manner, and my time, since being here, has been profitably spent. Third day, morning.—After the opening of this sitting I laid a concern that I felt to press upon me to visit the Women's Meeting, which was united with, and C. F. Coffin going with me, we had a time of comfort and rejoicing; and great tenderness and solemnity were apparent. In the afternoon of fifth day the closing sitting was held, and many hearts joined in acknowledging the goodness of the Lord, and we parted in near and tender love; and that evening a large company of both old and young persons came to our lodgings, and we had a precious religious opportunity together, to bless the Lord for his goodness to the children of men.

"On the 23rd we went to Washington and attended meeting with Friends there; then proceeded to Rich-

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mond, Virginia, and attended their first day meeting—but few Friends reside here; a goodly number of others came in, but it was hard labor, there not being an openness to receive the truth.

"Fifth day, took the early train for North Carolina, and arrived at Deep River in time to attend the meeting for sufferings; and on seventh day, the 31st of 10th mo., I attended the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, in which the life-giving presence of our Heavenly Father was very sensibly felt, under the influence of which, as I humbly trust, considerable service was required of me. On second day morning the Yearly Meeting was opened, which was larger than I expected, notwithstanding all the emigration to the West, there is a respectable body of Friends left to hold a Yearly Meeting.

"This was acknowledged to be a highly favored annual gathering, there being several testimonies borne by ministering Friends present, wherein I felt to participate, being favored at times with ability to stand forth as a public advocate for the precious cause of truth; and the meeting solemnly closed on the sixth of the month, Friends parted in love and with thankful hearts; and here Michael Wanzer left me and returned to his home."

J. L. Eddy then proceeded directly to Tennessee, and attended Lost Creek Quarterly Meeting on the 15th of 11th month, and was steadily engaged in visiting the various meetings and families of Friends in these parts until the 6th of 12th mo., when he wrote:

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"First day, 6th of the mo., went to Newberry Meeting, and the Lord was pleased to favor us with the descendings of heavenly good, and to pour us out a blessing that there was not room to contain; and a more broken and heart-tendering time I rarely if ever saw; and thus, through the aboundings of a Saviour's love I have been enabled to go through and close my labors in Tennessee. And now, to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, through the Eternal Spirit, be all the praise for ever. Amen."

He then returned to North Carolina, and on the 23rd of 12th mo. attended New Garden Meeting, which he sat through in suffering silence; he then attended Dover, Marlboro', Center, Salem, and Providence Meetings, of which he has left the following account:

"These were all favored meetings, yet previous to attending each I was brought into a state of deep spiritual poverty. In one of these meetings I was reminded of the state of the disciples in the extremity of their distress, when tossed on the boisterous sea and their blessed Master was asleep in the hindermost part of the ship, they cried out in the ardency of their feelings: 'Lord, carest Thou not that we perish?' and immediately He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm, and I was graciously favored with the calming influence of the Saviour's love, and mercy, and was enabled to stand forth under the influence thereof, not only in that, but in several other meetings, to warn the careless and

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indifferent and unbelieving, and to comfort and encourage the faithful. In the last-named meeting I had to speak to one who I apprehended is called to the work of the Gospel ministry; a dear young woman wept aloud, so as to attract the attention of the meeting. Oh, how my spirit longs for her preservation and enlargement in the good work. I did not learn who this precious child is, I was at her home but saw her not, think she had taken to her room.

"First day, 3rd of 1st mo., 1858.—Attended Holly Spring meeting, and deep travail of spirit was my portion, yet was favored to declare the truth to a mixed company, having to dwell upon the Divinity of our blessed Saviour, being apprehensive that there were those present who were disposed to cavil at the truths of the Christian religion as set forth in the Holy Scriptures. Here Wm. Hacket left me and went home, he had been with me for some time, and I feel the parting with such Friends to be trying. But I desire to be preserved in entire dependence upon Him, who has been with me all my life long to this very day, even the Lord Jehovah in whom is everlasting strength. Oh, that I, and all others who are called to the great and dignified work of the Gospel ministry, may keep to the holy anointing at all times, and on all occasions, and then I believe the holy unction will attend, and, at all times, will spread as an heavenly covering over our assemblies, and the truth will reign over all.

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"First mo., 10th.—After a sore conflict of spirit and bowedness of soul, I was made willing to give up to apprehended duty and return to Deep River, a distance of more than two hundred miles, and attend that Quarterly Meeting, and engaged in other religious service thereaway that rested weightily on my mind. Arrived there on the 14th, and the following day attended the Select Quarterly Meeting, in which Friends were favored to conduct the business in much unity.

"Sixteenth.—Attended Deep River Quarterly Meeting, and went home with M. and S. Hill. Several Friends were there, and before retiring to rest we had a Scripture reading, and a more favored opportunity of the kind I have no remembrance of.

"First day, 17th of 1st mo.—Attended New Garden Meeting in the morning, and an appointed meeting in the evening at Jamestown; and this was the service that had rested so weightily on my mind; and on giving up thereto I felt the assurance that my Divine Master would be with me in these labors of love, and so He did strengthen me on each successive occasion and enable me to preach His glorious Gospel in the demonstration of the spirit and with power; and no part of the service that has been required of me since leaving my home has afforded me more heartfelt satisfaction than this; and on first day evening I took tea with my kind friends George and Delphina Mendinhall.

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"Fifth day, 21st.—Attended Piney Woods Meeting, this being the last in North Carolina; and in view of my labors in this land I can say, with a thankful heart, all is peace.

"Taking several meetings in the way he arrived in Baltimore on the 26th, and reached Winchester, Virginia, on the next day.

"Sixth day, 29th.—Had a meeting at Hopewell, one of hard labor both in silence and testimony, although I did believe there was a faithful remnant of Friends there, with whom I have good unity.

"First day.—Attended meeting at Goos Creek, and on the next day went to Bazill Pleasant's, in Montgomery County, Maryland. His wife is grand-daughter to David Sands. Of late they and their children have kept up a meeting, although entirely away from other Friends, and I saw them together in the evening, and we had a precious season, being made to rejoice that we were thus privileged to mingle in spirit one with another."

John L. Eddy returned to Baltimore, and on first day attended the morning and evening meetings of Friends there, and feeling clear of these parts he proceeded towards his home, taking several of the meetings belonging to this Yearly Meeting on the way. Dunning's Creek being the last, of which he says: "This closed my labors in the present engagement, and I felt that I had much cause to be thankful for the descendings of Heavenly good on this occasion, and I took an affectionate leave of Friends at the meeting

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house." From Alton he traveled to Pittsburg and then to Mount Pleasant, Ohio. Stopping here he attended the Meeting for sufferings, of which he was a member; and also Short Creek Quarterly Meeting, where he was rejoiced again to meet with Isaac Jay, from Indiana; and he was privileged to reach his own dear home on the 24th of 2nd mo., where he heard the salutation of *all is well*, having been absent about four months, and traveled upwards of four thousand miles; and although he went forth weeping, bearing precious seed, he was privileged to come again bringing his sheaves with him. For after his return he penned the following:

"Taking into consideration the many signal favors and blessings; the many preservations and deliverances from dangers, seen and unseen, that attended me while abroad, and the sweet reward of peace that I now feel for the faithful discharge of apprehended duty; I feel that I have a great deal to be thankful for, and desire to render all the praise to the Lord alone."

12th mo., 3rd.—This was a day of favor. Our meeting was crowned with the overshadowing wing of Ancient Goodness, under the influence of which Jacob Healy and myself were both engaged in the ministry, and feeling the spirit of supplication, I was vocally engaged therein, which left a savor of sweet peace. I also attended our Quarterly Meeting at Alum Creek in this month, and it rejoiced me to meet with dear Friends once more, and the rejoicing I

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believe was mutual; and after being refreshed with the Divine presence and help on our way spiritually, we separated and returned to our homes, thankful to the Lord for all His blessings; and since being thus privileged I have endeavored to attend to my home duties, and we have had some good silent meetings, wherein the traveling seed has been favored to worship at the Lord's holy altar. And again Divine wisdom has seen meet to open a spring of Gospel Ministry for the edification of the Church for the comforting of the feeble-minded and the arousing of the careless and indifferent ones, and we have abundant cause to bless and praise the Great Name of the Lord and the Lamb through the Eternal Spirit. Amen.

"There are many bitter cups that the Lord's servants have to partake of in order to prepare them to minister to the various states, and conditions that exist among the people; and oh! the many deep trials and close provings that these have to endure; the buffetings of Satan with all his deceptive insinuations and temptations with which he assails them; and notwithstanding the many strong evidences that have been granted unto me at various times, when the Lord has been pleased to use me, a poor and unworthy creature, to travel abroad in His service, and in the ability received to preach His glorious Gospel to my fellow-creatures. Yet when these services are presented in prospect what a shrinking there is from them, and how the poor mind is plunged into doubts and misgivings; and how does the weakness and the

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infirmities of the flesh loom up against me? and when thus exercised how busy is the cruel enemy in endeavouring to lay waste and destroy that which is begotten of the Lord, so that I may say on many occasions 'I have learned obedience by the things I have suffered.'

"Sixth mo., 12th, 1858.—I feel it right to record a little of my feelings this morning; the language of my very soul is: 'Oh, Thou God of my life, be pleased in the riches of Thy mercy to be very near Thy servant, and keep me in Thy fear; for, Righteous Father, Thou knowest that, notwithstanding my weakness and frailty, it is my desire that I may in the few remaining days of my life serve Thee in simple obedience, even should Thou require it of me to bear the message of Thy love to the very ends of the earth. Grant, O Father, Thy Holy presence, and help me to take up the cross and follow Thee, and all the praise shall be ascribed unto Thee, and the Son of thy love, through the Eternal Spirit. Amen.'"

Furnished with proper certificates of the unity, and sympathy of his friends at home, J. L. Eddy, on the 16th of 7th mo., 1858, left his home with an extensive prospect of religious service before him; he had long felt the Lord's Holy Spirit inclining his heart and begetting within him a willingness to go and visit the churches west of the Mississippi, and in these labors of love he was closely engaged for more than six months, and traveled four thousand and five hundred miles; and of the lengthened account that he

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has left of these labors, and his various spiritual exercises while thus engaged, only a small part is here represented to the reader:

"Plainfield, Ind., 29th of 9th mo.—Reached this place in time to attend all the sittings of the Yearly Meeting, which was deeply interesting and highly favored with the covering of the Holy Spirit, which cemented the hearts of Friends more and more together. The public meeting on fourth day was largely attended, where a great outpouring of the Spirit was experienced, and at the conclusion many hearts were tenderly affected in taking leave one of another, and with many of us for the last time; the memory of this will linger and remain for many days, causing gratitude and praise to ascend to the God of all grace, and consolation, for all his tender mercies.

"On sixth day evening, at ——, before leaving Plainfield, a large company being present, we had a most precious opportunity, where the Gospel stream flowed to the tendering of many hearts; this seemed like an evening sacrifice and returning of thanks for blessings received.

"Tenth mo., 2nd.—Took our journey to Lynn, accompanied by S. Bundy, a religiously inclined young woman; we went to the Reserve Meeting wherein I spoke to a state that I apprehended was hardness of heart, and absorbed in worldly things to the exclusion of heavenly things; from my first acquaintance with S. Bundy, impressions rested on my mind that she was one of the Lord's visited children, that His holy hand is being laid upon her for good.

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"Minneapolis, Minnesota, 10th mo., 10th.—Attended the meeting here, and although the number of Friends is small, they sit down in the order of a meeting, and a most precious, heart-tendering season we had with them; I thought that if I received no further compensation for this long journey, that I was already well rewarded. We had a very tender opportunity with the young Friends where we lodged. On second day, made some calls, and at J. L.'s, had another remarkable opportunity; a married daughter present was much tendered, and I believe she is one whom the Lord is laying His hand upon, and thus qualifying her for usefulness in His Church.

"Tenth mo., 13th.—Proceeded thirty miles north to Cedar Creek, and visited the few Friends there; the next day had a meeting at the house of R. Price, which was a deeply interesting season; and I was affectionately drawn out in the love of our Holy Redeemer to labor for the encouragement of those whose hands are hanging down through weakness; and for confirming the feeble-minded ones, for I believe there are such in the place.

"Eleventh mo., 10th.—At Red Cedar Monthly Meeting, Iowa. Here the hand of the Lord was laid heavily upon me; and I felt deeply the responsibility that is resting upon me as a minister of the Gospel of Christ; and I was brought so low that I felt almost willing to be left behind; but after Thomas Smith had spoken I arose to my feet with fear and trembling, and was helped, through the mighty power of God, to

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proclaim the goodness and mercy of our Heavenly Father in opening a door for the restoration and salvation of poor and fallen man, whereby he may return to the favor of God.

"Eleventh mo., 23rd.—Had an appointed meeting at Cedar Creek, and this being the last meeting in Salem Quarter. I may say that while visiting the meetings here, my soul has often been cast down in deep discouragement; but, with the Royal Psalmist, I have been enabled to put my trust in God, and hope in His all-sustaining power, for He has enabled me to speak well of His name, and to set the truth over the heads of those that oppose it; and I have much cause to raise the tribute of praise to His great and glorious power that has sustained the faithful in all generations."

After having been industriously engaged in this interesting field of religious labor, and having attended nearly all the meetings of Friends in Iowa and Minnesota, at the close of this year J. L. Eddy wrote: "Notwithstanding I have had many deep baptisms to pass through, yet the Lord has been pleased in mercy to look upon my weakness, and to be mouth and wisdom, tongue and utterance, on every occasion where He has called for vocal service; and let all the praise and glory be given to His ever worthy name, both now and for ever."

The account of this journey continues:

"Second month, 1st, 1859.—Charles Kinshaw met us by appointment at Indianola, and this morning we

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started in his waggon for Kansas. Traveled to Rich-square, and attended that Monthly Meeting, it being the last meeting that I attended in Iowa; and I felt that I could look back upon my journey through Iowa with much satisfaction.

"We then traveled on through the southern part of Iowa, and a part of Missouri. Crossed the Missouri River at St. Joseph, and passed down the Kansas side to Atchison, where we found a few Friends, and had a precious opportunity with them; took leave and went to another part of Atchison County. Got to Mahlon Oliphant's the next morning, and dined at B. Bartlett's. Had a meeting that evening in a school-house; the first of the kind ever held in these parts. The next morning had a few Friends together, which proved a heart-tendering time, and I felt to encourage them to hold a meeting for worship on First Days; and the opportunity closed after I had knelt in prayer for the Friends there and those left behind. We then passed on to Grasshopper Falls, in order to visit Ansel Rogers. Found him in a poor state of health. Had a religious opportunity in his family, and I felt deeply to sympathize with this dear brother in Christ, and parted with him in love.

"Second mo., 11th.—Proceeded to a settlement of Friends who have a Preparative Meeting called Kansas Preparative Meeting. First day, the 13th.—Attended meeting here, and notice being given others came in; and the Lord was once more pleased to enable me to plead His precious cause. Many hearts were tendered, and the meeting ended well.

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"14th.—By traveling all day, until after midnight, we reached Friends' Settlement, among the Shawnee Indians, where a school is kept for the education of their children, under the care of S. D. and Mary Harvey, with whom I had been acquainted in Ohio. On the following day I had an appointed meeting with the whites and Indians at the school-room, which was held to good satisfaction.

"Fifth day.—We are yet at Friends' mission, and this being their meeting day we attended, and it was a solemn gathering, and I spoke a few sentences in the meeting. They meet for Scripture reading each evening. It was a good time this evening. I was constrained to kneel in prayer, and then had something to communicate, and the day closed peacefully."

Continuing his religious labors in Kansas, he held meetings with the whites and Indians at Big Creek Settlement, Cotton Wood, Amencus, Cahala, Bloomington, Captain Creek, &c. He passed through much exposure and fatigue in accomplishing these labors of love; but in all these trials he felt it a high privilege to be able to sympathise with the few Friends who were already settled in this western country; but especially felt that he was entrusted with messages of Gospel love to the native Indians. At the close of these labors he made the following entry in the manuscript:

"Third mo., 6th.—I feel that I have abundant cause to bless and praise the great, and glorious name of the Lord for all His tender mercies. I have now accom-

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plished the service west of the Mississippi River that I felt myself called unto, and think I may soon turn my face towards Ohio. I feel clothed with much poverty, but still able to look up to my Divine Master in confidence that he will not forsake me, although he may suffer me to be sorely tried, but never to be wholly cast down and destroyed. These trials and conflicts I have no doubt are designed for my good, and it is my desire to say: 'Let not Thy hand spare, nor Thine eye pity, until Thou hast brought forth judgment unto victory.'

"Cincinnati, 3rd mo., 13th. — Attended Friends' Meeting to good satisfaction; and in being here I feel that I have renewed cause to thank my Heavenly Father for His blessings which have strengthened my heart to still trust in His mercy, for it endureth forever; and although my dear wife and children are brought livingly near to me at times, that I feel I could take my flight from this field of labor and return to them, yet on reflection I am again and again, through mercy, enabled to resign all into the Lord's holy hands, and hope I can say: 'Not my will, but Thine, oh Lord, be done.'"

After attending Westfield Quarterly Meeting, Springboro' Monthly Meeting, Miami Monthly Meeting, Cedar Creek Meeting, and several appointed Meetings, J. L. Eddy hastened homewards, in order to attend his own Quarterly Meeting. Arriving at Ashley, he writes:

"I have met my dear wife and youngest daughter, after being separated from them for more than six

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months. They, with other Friends, had come to attend our Quarterly Meeting, to be held at Alum Creek, and a joyful meeting we had.

"3rd mo., 26th.—Attended the Select Meeting, at the close of which we had a mutual greeting, and much rejoicing was manifested by my dear friends at my return; and I can truly say that I never more rejoiced to meet my dear friends, in the unity of the spirit, and the bonds of peace. In the Public Meeting, on first day, I had again to stand forth as an advocate for the cause of my blessed Master. The meeting for business was a highly favored one, and many hearts were comforted together; and I had another opportunity of taking many dear Friends by the hand, and of being welcomed home again, after my long absence.

"First mo., 9th.—Since my return last Spring, to the present, I have made no entry of this kind, and I can humbly tell the cause, feeling that my experience, travels, and services are not worth recording, or will ever be accounted worth preserving; yet I feel that it is right for me to preserve some account of the dealings of the Lord with me, as I pass along, and am journeying to the Heavenly Canaan; and surely I have abundant cause to commemorate the goodness of my Heavenly Father in that he has been pleased to keep and preserve me all the days of my life, so that I am yet on praying ground, and His watchful eye is still towards me for good.

"I have been closely engaged with my temporal affairs on my little farm. Some of our crops were

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short the past season, and I am straitened to keep my little stock through the winter, but I have endeavored not to let my outward business interfere with my religious duties, for it has been my concern when not from home to attend all of our meetings for worship and discipline, as they have come in course; and considering my straitened circumstances, how this has been brought about as it has, has been a marvel to me, for in order to attend our Yearly Meeting, and all our Quarterly Meetings, we have to travel about one thousand miles each year; and I have been favored to attend all these meetings, which with many of our little meetings at home, have been seasons of favor, wherein many hearts have bowed and worshipped before the throne of Emmanuel, who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords."

While thus released from extensive labors abroad, John L. Eddy visited all the meetings belonging to his Quarterly Meeting, and held some appointed meetings. Of one of these he writes:

"After the appointment was given out the enemy was permitted to buffet me in an unusual manner, and to raise great fears in my mind that the whole concern was out of place, and that it was presumption in me, and that I would only bring a reproach upon the precious cause; and thus I went struggling on, even until I had taken my seat in the meeting.

"But after sitting a little time in silence, my Heavenly Father was pleased to arise in the plenitude of His power and dispel all the doubts while Satan

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had suggested, and I was enabled to preach the everlasting Gospel to a very attentive audience, as I humbly trust, in the spirit and power of my Divine Master; and I returned home with living praises in my heart to God the Father, and Christ the Son, through the Eternal Spirit, one God over all, blessed forever.

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CHAPTER III.

John L. Eddy had now attained to his sixty-fourth year, and in the last ten years of his life he had been engaged, with little intermission, in bearing the Gospel message abroad. He had, with a very few exceptions, attended all the meetings of Friends on the American Continent, and many of these repeatedly. He had very often gone as into the highways and hedges to plead the cause of his Divine Master; and while thus engaged he had not shunned to declare what he believed to be the whole counsel of God; and now as the evening shades of life were gathering around him, the tender ties that bound him to his own dear family, and the members of his Quarterly Meeting, were inexpressibly strong; but in the visions of heavenly light he had long seemed to see the beckoning hand of his trans-Atlantic brethren inviting him to come over and help, while in the secret and silent recesses of his heart, the dear Master's voice was heard, saying: "Go and visit the brethern, and see how they do."

Apprehending that the time had nearly come to inform his friends of this important concern that had long rested upon his mind, very earnest were his petitions to his Heavenly Father that he might be preserved from following a false light, when in the pure

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openings of heavenly light, he was favored to see and to feel that the dear Master was still with him, and that it was the voice of the True Shepherd that was calling to him: "Follow thou Me, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest;" and he was once more favored to resign his all, and in humble, grateful submission to exclaim: "Good is the word of the Lord."

The following entry is without date:

"It has been a considerable time since I made my last entry, and the state of my mind has been such that I have hardly felt strength to make a note of my exercises. I have been privileged to enjoy our meetings as they have come in course, and frequently under the influence of Divine love, and the tribute of thanksgiving and praise has gone up from my heart to our Father in Heaven for His manifold blessings. In the meantime a concern that has long been resting upon my mind, I have of late felt to be increasingly weighty, and through much conflict and many baptisms I have been brought into a willingness to stand resigned to the Divine disposal, if He will be with me, and be my shield and buckler, and my exceeding great reward.

"On the 15th of 6th mo., 1860.—I laid a concern before our Monthly Meeting to visit Friends and others, as way may open in the truth, in Great Britain, Ireland, and on the continent of Europe, and on the 25th of the same month I laid the same before our Quarterly Meeting, in both of which much solemnity prevailed, and Friends in a very tender manner expressed

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much unity and sympathy with me, and since those meetings several Friends have told me that they have been expecting that I would lay such a concern before those meetings, and this has been a great comfort to me, to know that my friends have been travailing with me in the concern; and now it remains for me to lay the subject before the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, which does not occur until ninth month. In the meantime I desire to be kept in quiet, and that Friends may be qualified to judge in this important matter before laying it before that select body. My petition often is: 'Lord give me strength and give me my friends, and I do desire that if this concern is a right one, that my friends may see it so.' In the Monthly and Quarterly Meetings the expression of unity was so full that it was a great strength to me.

"Ninth mo., 1st.—To-day I laid my concern before the Select Yearly Meeting, and I think I never witnessed a more solemn time. There were eight ministering Friends from other Yearly Meetings present, two of whom had paid like visits to the Old Countries. Friends seemed to be gathered near unto the Lord, and near one to another, and much unity and sympathy was expressed with me, in which our stranger Friends most heartily joined.

"Tenth mo., 1st.—I am looking forward to the time when it shall be my lot to take a solemn leave of the dear ones that I expect to leave behind, hoping to see the right time to depart, and am endeavoring to set things in order, and make preparations for my journey.

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"Twelfth mo., 15th.—My European journey still rests with me, and I am endeavoring to prepare for it, and desire to patiently wait for the right time to depart, and this is not yet definitely fixed upon.

"O, Gracious Father, be pleased in infinite mercy to strengthen the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees, for Thou knowest my many faintings of heart in prospect of the service that Thou art calling for at my hands, and the waitings and watchings of my soul, the breathings of which has been unto Thee; O Lord, that Thou would give me strength in Thy name to do all that Thou mayest appoint unto me in this important engagement; and Righteous Father, unworthy as I am, enable me to commit those that are nearest, and dearest in this world, into Thine Holy Hands; wilt Thou care for them, sustain them, and enable them to bear up under the trials and privations they may pass through in my absence? and O Gracious God enable us to ascribe all praise unto Thee, and the Son of Thy love, through the Eternal Spirit, Amen.

"Twelfth mo., 25th.—I attended the funeral of a very aged Friend, whose relatives and neighbors are skeptical, and some of them professed infidels, many of whom I had met on a former and like occasion, and had been led to declare the truths of the Everlasting Gospel to them in great plainness, and at this time my mind was brought under deep exercise; and I felt ready to flinch at the prospects before me, when the word of command was heard: 'Thou must declare the truth to them once more;' and it was

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given with such clearness that I yielded, and arose on my feet and endeavored simply to follow the leadings of the Holy Spirit; and I enlarged on the fall and restoration of man, setting forth the salvation that comes by Christ, that he was God and perfect man, after which I knelt in solemn supplication, and the meeting closed under a solemn covering.

"Third mo., 3rd, 1861.—Our meeting was large, in which I felt to leave a legacy of love with my friends, in prospect of its being the last meeting I shall attend before my departure, and my heart was humbled, and contrited before the Lord; and in the evening had a heart-tendering opportunity with my family, and I was constrained to prostrate myself on bended knees, on behalf of myself and family, who were mostly present, and to pray for preservation when far separated.

"On Second day, the 4th of this mo., accompanied by dear wife and most of our children, as well as several dear Friends, I proceeded to the depot where we took a solemn and affectionate farewell, with a good degree of composure. And I arrived in Philadelphia on the next day, and was met by M. C. Cope, who conveyed me to his house.

"Seventh day, the 9th, went to Burlington, N. J., and attended the meetings both morning and evening, and was comforted in being there; dined with Eliza P. Gurney and was refreshed by the visit. In coming here I was informed of the death of Rebecca Grellett, widow of the late Stephen Grellett, and that her funeral is to take place on the 12th of this month;

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and as my passage is not yet engaged, I felt best to attend the funeral, thinking it will be a satisfaction to myself, and it also may be comforting to those with whom I shall meet in the old countries, who have made an acquaintance with Stephen Grellett, to know that I attended the funeral of his beloved widow; and shared in the sorrows of their dear, and only daughter, Rachel Grellet.

"On Fourth day I went to New York, and was kindly received by William and Mary Wood; and oh, saith my soul, that patience may have her perfect work in me; so that in whatever state or condition I am brought into by the orderings of my Heavenly Father, I may therewith be content. Deep have been the baptisms that my soul has been passing through; may they tend to the refining of that in me that is yet unsanctified, so that all may be brought into a holy acquiescence with the Divine will. Oh, Lord, Thou knowest that I desire to be wholly Thine, and that it is not in my own will that I am here, but under a sense of duty that I owe to Thee; be Thou, therefore, strength in my weakness, and make way for me according to Thy Holy will, and all the glory shall be Thine.

"Third mo., 26th.—In the evening several Friends came to see me before I embarked; a time of silence was observed, and in the opportunity utterance was given to the feelings of my heart, in testimony and prayer; and on the next morning, accompanied by my very dear friends, W. and M. Wood, I went on board

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the steamship "Arabia," and after seeing how I was to be situated, my dear friends left me. I then went to my state-room and sat down in quiet, when great peace flowed into my heart, believing that I am in my proper place; had a favorable passage, and landed at Liverpool on the eighth of fourth mo.; was kindly received and cared for at Charles Wilson's; and feel thankful for my preservation, and good health."

We now behold this devoted servant of the Lord safely landed on the English shores, and about to enter a very extensive field of religious labor. In the manuscript before us, we find an accurate account of his attendance of nearly, or quite, all of the meetings of Friends, in England and on the Continent of Europe, and also of his holding many appointed meetings with those not in membership with Friends; but as this account is too voluminous for insertion here, without being abridged, we will only present to the reader an occasional extract from the numerous entries in the manuscript:

"Fifth day, 11th of 4th mo.—Went to meeting with Friends here, it being their meeting day in course; had some vocal service which I found relieving, and felt renewed evidence that I am here in the will of my blessed Master.

"Handed my certificates to Friends to be sent to London, to receive the approval of the morning meeting, before I set out to visit meetings.

"There are many ancient things here that are interesting to an American; at Frandley there is a

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large oak tree that branches out near the ground, and it is said that when George Fox was holding meetings here, the house proved too small for their accommodation, and they went out into the open air, and assembled under the shade of this tree, while George Fox stood in the tree and declared the truth to them. The old part of the town of Chester is walled in with solid stone, and is said to be one of the oldest towns in England, many of the buildings inside the wall appear to be very ancient and rude; they were in possession of the Romans previous to the Christian era; I was much interested in visiting the old Cathedral, a very ancient structure.

"Sixth day, 19th of 4th mo.—Crossed the Channel to Ireland, in order to attend Dublin Yearly Meeting; was met at the landing by Samuel Bewley, at whose house I am staying; met with my very dear friend Benjamin Seebohm, who has visited our land bearing a Gospel message; on seventh day attended the meeting of Ministers and Elders; it is not large, but a solid, good, meeting. I was comforted and edified in thus mingling with Friends who were evidently gathered under the canopy of Heavenly love. First day, attending the meetings in Dublin, both morning and evening; that in the morning was very large, wherein I had to declare the doctrines of the Gospel, especially that concerning the Divinity of our blessed Saviour, which was a very relieving service to my burthened mind. B. Seebohm was concerned to fall in with me and confirm what I had delivered; and this

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coming from one of such depth of experience was very strengthening and confirming to me, a poor and unworthy embassador for Christ in a strange land.

"Fourth mo., 29th.—The Yearly Meeting for business commenced its sittings, and continued from day to day, until the 4th of 5th mo.; Friends were favored to transact the business of the meeting in much condescension and love; and these virtues were brought into requisition in consequence of some amongst them being disposed to lay aside many of our distinctive usages. But there are many honest hearted friends in this Yearly Meeting, who feel deeply tried in beholding these things, with whom my soul traveled as in the deep, and with whom I feel near unity.

"Glasgow, 5th mo., 9th.—After attending Dublin meeting, I proceeded on to Ballinderry, and attended that meeting on fourth day, and dined at Jacob Green's, who has visited America as a minister, but is now through infirmity confined at his home, but appears truly thankful for the company of his Friends. Then went to Belfast, and took passage for this place, where we arrived this morning in time to attend their meeting.

"Edinburgh, 5th mo., 15th.—To-day was held the General Meeting for Scotland for transacting the business of the Church; it is held twice in the year, and the hearts of many were comforted in the belief that the Lord has not forgotten to be gracious to his trusting and believing children. There are but few

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Friends in Scotland, and these are much scattered over the country; but among them are some very valuable persons.

"London, 5th mo., 18th.—Arrived here to-day, and was met by Thomas Norton, who took me to his house. First day, went to meeting with Friends, feeling great weakness, and indeed the whole man had seemed to shrink from coming here as an embassador for Christ; but after sitting for a time in silent waiting upon the Lord, the fear of man was taken from me; and I was enabled to relieve my mind from the burden that rested upon it.

"Fifth mo., 20th.—Attended two sittings of the Yearly Meetings of Ministers and Elders, through which I sat in silence, except in giving my assent to J. Sharp's prospect of visiting Ireland. Third day; in another sitting of this body I felt it right to bear my testimony, not only to the outward coming of Christ, but also to the inward manifestation of the spirit of Christ, which is just as necessary for us to experience now as for the people of God in any former age.

"Twenty-second.—The Yearly Meeting for business commenced; it is a large meeting, and among other subjects that came before this sitting, was the epistles from America, and the trying circumstances that Friends are placed in on account of the Civil War that is now agitating that country; this took a deep hold of the meeting, and it resulted in appointing a committee to take the subject into consideration, and if

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way should open for it, to produce at a future sitting an address to Friends in that country, in the way of sympathy.

Twenty-fourth.—This morning being devoted to public worship, I went to Gracechurch street meeting, where many were gathered. And my blessed Master was pleased to loosen my tongue and set my captive spirit free. And I was enlarged in testimony to the comforting of many hearts.

Twenty-sixth, First day.—Attended meeting at Devonshire House both morning and evening, which proved relieving meetings to me. The prayer that often ascended from off the alter of my heart, to my Father in heaven before leaving my native land, for strength to perform what should be required of me, has been wonderfully answered since my coming here, and I have much cause to render thanksgiving and praise unto His great and glorious name, for all His wonderful works to the children of men.

In the closing sitting of the Yearly Meeting I felt a concern to visit the Women's Meeting, which Friends fully united with; and accompanied by two Elders, I sat down in this meeting, and was at length favored to preach the Gospel of Christ, comforting the heavy-hearted, strengthening the weak, and admonishing and inviting the unfaithful ones. Then bowed in prayer before the awful majesty of Heaven.

"Sixth mo., 6th.—John Fell took me in his carriage to Upperside Monthly Meeting, held this time at Jordans. It being a place of some notoriety in the

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history of the Society of Friends, several very prominent Friends were buried here, as Wm. Penn and both his wives, also several of his children; Isaac Pennington and wife, Thomas Elwood and wife, and many more of the ancient worthies. Here they kept up a Monthly Meeting for many years; but the members having been removed by death and otherwise, the meeting has been discontinued for a long time, except an occasional appointment.

Several years ago, Friends concluded to hold their Monthly Meeting here in the sixth month of each year, in order to call the attention of Friends to keeping the house and premises in order. We had a good meeting, wherein the Lord was pleased to comfort our hearts together, and refresh our spirits in the love of the Gospel of Christ. After the meeting, my feelings were very solemn as I stood by the graves of those early promulgators of the truth as it is in Jesus.

"Tenth.—Went to London this morning in company with Josiah and Rachel Foster, to attend the Morning Meeting, where I passed through an ordeal of deep proving and fiery baptism, which has been resting upon me for some days, and I was ready to call all in question; and when my certificates were read my heart seemed ready to break, and I was ready to exclaim: 'Oh why did not my friends prevent me from taking this step.' But Friends were led in this meeting to travail with me, and to express much sympathy with me. One dear Friend knelt and

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prayed most fervently for my perservation from every harm, and in a faithful performance of every duty called for at my hands of the Lord.

"It was a very broken time with me, and I did desire to bow in humble submission to my Heavenly Father's will. I felt, in some measure, comforted, and tried to keep the sackcloth as much under my feet as I well could. Went to Colchester that evening in order to attend Essex Select Quarterly Meeting. Made a few remarks to some relief, but still felt mournful and bowed down—the Lord only knows why. Retired to rest at night with a thankful heart, but that heart was sad. Oh Lord forsake me not in this time of sore conflict, but be pleased in judgment to remember mercy. Oh Lord Thou knowest my heart; Thou knowest that it was not in my own will that I left my dear wife and children to become a stranger in a strange land, but that I might be found doing Thy will, and obtain peace of mind. Oh Thou God of my life be pleased, if it seems good unto Thee, to remove this burden from off my heart, and enable me once more to praise Thee on the banks of deliverance, and thine shall be the glory forever. Amen.

"Sixth mo., 11th.—Went to the Quarterly Meeting. Still wading as in the deep, mourning on my way; and thus I took my seat in the meeting, and remained in this stripped condition for some time; and until several Friends had spoken, when a gleam of light seemed to shine on my pathway, and the life arose in my heart, and in that life a subject presented, with

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which I stood up, and as it increased I went on, until through Divine help I was raised above all fear but the fear of God; and an enlargement was granted to my own admiration, so that it might be said the shout of a king was heard in the camp.

"GOSHEN, OHIO, N.A., 6th mo., 23rd, 1861.

"MY BELOVED FRIEND, JOHN L. EDDY,—It is with feelings of comfort that I take my pen to converse a little with thee in this way: I often think of thee, my dear Friend, in thy far distant field of labour; sometimes imagining thee feeling stripped, poor and needy, and not meet to be called an apostle of our Lord Jesus Christ; far from thy earthly home, and in a strange land; and in view of these feelings I have been brought into sympathy with thee, desiring thy encouragement to move on from day to day, as thy Lord and Master may, in His condescending goodness, and unbounded wisdom, sees meet to lead and direct thee. Then I do believe, my beloved Friend, that thou will be preserved in heights, and in depths, by sea and by land, to experience thy trust and confidence, being in the Lord, patiently abiding all the turnings, and over-turnings of His hand upon thee; and realize the application of this scripture language, in thy own case, to be verified; the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee; send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion; remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifices.

"In much love, and fervent desires for thy preservation and encouragement, I bid thee an affectionate farewell as ever,

"Thy Friend,

"JOHN BUTLER."

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"Twenty-first.—In company with R. D. and Ann Alexander I went to Ipswich, and attended that Quarterly Meeting, which I sat through in suffering silence. No doubt many were much disappointed, but I was renewedly confirmed that when the Lord, by the key of David shuts, none can open, and I endeavoured to bow in humble submission to His will.

"Twenty-third.—Attended Ipswich Meeting, and was favored to clear myself of a great burden that had rested upon it. Had some very close doctrines to declare, and to deal very closely with some; and thought I could see why I was not to deliver the message, when so many other Friends were present at the Quarterly Meeting.

"Norwich, sixth mo., 25th.—Attended the burial of Edward Chandler, father of John Chandler. He was buried before Meeting, in the grounds were many of the Gurney's lie buried, among whom is Joseph John Gurney, with just a simple brown stone laid flat on the grave, sufficient to contain his name, age and date of his death. A few words were spoken at the grave by several Friends. We then repaired to the meeting-house, where I was enabled to preach Christ in his glorious offices to a very attentive audience.

"Eighth mo., 15th.—Attended Marnhull Meeting. Found two women that were members, and a man and woman that were not, that are attenders of this little meeting. We were truly comforted in making them a visit, and they were encouraged to be faithful to apprehended duty.

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"Eighth mo., 31st.—Took a walk this morning out of town. Ascended Carnbrea Hill, an eminence that overlooks the country, on which is an old castle built upon some singular situated rocks; and its antiquity is such that the time of its building is not known. It is supposed to have been built by the ancient Britons in the old feudal times. The hill is almost built of granite rock. There is one that has very curious indentations that appear to be artifically carved on the top of it. It is supposed that human victims were sacrificed here, and they built a large monument here in honor of one of the lords of the country.

"Ninth mo., 3rd.—Walked this morning to see what is called Wesley's Pit, situated in the mining district, being a hollow place in the earth of a bowl-like shape, and terraced into seats from the bottom to the top, and has capacity to seat two thousand persons. Here John Wesley preached to the miners, and there was a great convincement among them; and an annual gathering is held there yet by the Methodists, where sometimes ten thousand persons assemble.

"Fifth.—Being within ten miles of the Land's End of England, I concluded this morning that I would go and see it. I had a magnificent view of the cliffs of granite rock, that piled up in such romantic grandeur on to the clear blue sea. I felt to exclaim, in the language of the Psalmist: 'Great and marvelous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are all Thy ways, thou King of Saints.'

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"Returned to Marazion, to attend a meeting appointed at my request, in an old meeting-house, which was built by Friends in the early days of our Society. It is not large, but the people turned out and filled it to overflowing; and it was one of those seasons wherein the poor messengers have much cause to be thankful; for the Lord was pleased to preside over us, and to crown the occasion with His presence and power; and I humbly trust the gospel was preached in the demonstration of the Spirit and with power, and I felt to return thanksgiving and praise to the Lord, God, and the Lamb, on bended knees, through the Eternal Spirit, and returned to my lodgings in great peace of mind. Some of the best meetings I have had in England have been held in those old meeting-houses, where meetings have been laid down; here the people seem hungry for the truth and appreciate it.

"London; 10th mo., 13th.—Came here from Cheltenham and stopped at my old quarters; used part of seventh day in company with Henry Sterry in seeing some parts of London that I had not seen.

"First day.—This morning I went to Devonshire House meeting, and felt that I had reason to believe that there were true worshippers present that were prepared to worship God in spirit and in truth, and with whom I deeply sympathised; and also that there were those present who were not thus prepared, both of which states were closely spoken to. In the afternoon I went to another small meeting of Friends in the city where I was soon brought into deep exercise, and for a time,

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no way opened for relief. At length a man stepped into the vestry and took a seat. I then felt to arise with my exercise, and I had to deal closely with a carping, unbelieving state, and to dwell emphatically on the doctrine of future rewards and punishments. After I sat down that man asked liberty to ask a few questions, but was requested to wait until the meeting closed. Meeting with him after the meeting he seemed so full of jangling that I thought best to leave him, seeing he fluttered like a wounded bird.

"Second day, 14th of 10th mo.—Attended the Morning Meeting of Ministers and Elders, and laid before that meeting my prospect of my soon visiting the Friends in Germany, and of attending to some other religious service thereaway, which was fully united with, and I was encouraged to prosecute the visit as way should open. At this meeting R. and S. Lindsey returned their minutes, granted to them in 1857 for religious services in North America, &c., giving a very interesting account of their journeyings and services; a precious solemnity was spread over the meeting. Went with R. and S. Lindsey to the home of Joseph Bevan Braithwait, and had a very comfortable visit.

"Sixteenth.—Attended Devonshire Mid-week Meeting, and in the evening went to a called meeting of the Meeting for sufferings, called for the purpose of furnishing me company to Germany, &c., and as John Chandler was holding himself in readiness, the thing was soon disposed of, and I went home with him that evening to rest and make preparations for our journey.

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"Minden, 10th mo.,24.—On last second day in company with John and Maria Chandler I left Chelmsford and proceeded to London, then by railroad to Dover, then by steamboat across to Calais in France. Third day by rail to Ghent in Belgium. Fourth day traveled as far as Cologne on the river Rhine in Belgium, and on fifth day reached this place, (Minden). It was dark when we reached here, and not knowing where to find Friends, we took our lodgings at the Victoria Hotel, and being now at the place of our destination for the present I hope to cast myself entirely on my Divine Master for strength and ability to do and endure all He may require of me, for my purification and the promotion of His glory in the good of the little flock of Friends here, or the general good of my fellow-creatures in this land of strangers.

"After receiving the necessary refreshments for our worn bodies we sat and read a portion of Scripture, and felt our minds to be brought under a solemn quiet, and I expressed my feelings a little that notwithstanding all my deep provings, I now felt true peace, and desired to be enabled to say: 'Thy will, O God, be done.'

"In journeying to this place we passed through many elegant towns, and much of the country by the way, and especially through Belgium, appears to be very productive and well farmed, in many places in a garden-like manner, and I have never seen any country so entirely destitute of timber as Belgium is, except our Western prairies. Poverty marks the

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common people to a large extent all through the land; they work hard to gain a scanty subsistence, and worse than this, they are groaning under the yoke of Catholicism, which, under the present usages, can never fail to bring oppression and poverty on the lower classes.

"Tenth mo., 25th.—This morning, John Chandler and myself went out and found some of the Minden Friends, and made arrangements to proceed to-morrow directly to Pyrmont, and visit Friends there, and then return to this place; we, this morning, made acquaintance with an elderly Friend named John Rashel; and in the afternoon had a religious opportunity in a family. D. Pitsmyre interpreted for us, it being the first time I ever spoke as a minister through an interpreter; and I think I hardly remember the time when my mind was more clothed with a feeling of the heavenly presence than on sitting down in this family, and in remembering how much I had passed through in body and in mind in order to visit these dear Friends in Germany.

"Seventh day, 26th of 10th mo.—Having chartered a cab for the journey, it being a distance of thirty miles, we departed, and reached Pyrmont that evening, and put up at an hotel, being accompanied by our very kind friend, David Pitsmyre; I had taken cold and felt but poorly,

"First day, 27th.—Felt very much indisposed this morning, but at ten we went to the meeting of Friends, which consisted of twelve persons, old and young; I

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was soon brought into a tender state of mind even to the shedding of tears, under the consideration of the love and mercy of our Heavenly Father, in that He had enabled me to reach these distant members of our religious society, and to feel the blessed Spirit of Christ to pervade the meeting, under the influence of which John Chandler and I both addressed the meeting; and I must confess that I succeeded in speaking through an interpreter much better than I had expected.

"After returning to our hotel, I felt very poorly with an attack of fever and ague, and I did not attempt to go to the afternoon meeting. Had a distressing night, which makes me feel rather gloomy; being thus taken sick, and more than four thousand miles from my dear family. There are but a few families of Friends here, and these seem extremely glad of our visit; and we expect to see them all in their homes.

"Twenty-eighth.—This morning, I felt much better, and to-day we have been engaged in family visiting, and have seen all the members of this meeting; and the Lord our Redeemer was pleased to be with us, tendering and consoling our hearts together, and enabling the poor messengers to deliver the testimonies given, I humbly trust, in the authority of truth. D. Pitsmyre interpreted for us very efficiently, and I returned to our hotel in the evening, with my heart glowing with thankfulness to the Lord, for His long-suffering kindness and mercy dispensed to me, not only in days past, and all along to the present; but especially for the blessings of the present time.

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"Tenth mo., 29th.—I arose this morning, feeling much refreshed, and feeling that I had done what seemed to be required of me, in and about Pyrmont. We took our carriage, which waited for us by agreement, and returned to Minden. Stopped at the Victoria Hotel, and felt my heart filled with thankfulness, not only for the help I had received in the discharge of apprehended duty, but for the restoration of my health; and for being enabled to part with those dear isolated Friends in Pyrmont in tender, Christian love. Much of our way to Pyrmont lay along the valley of the river Weser; it is a beautiful and well cultivated country, and in going there, we passed out of the King of Prussia's dominions, and through a part of the kingdom of Hanover and Hesse. Pyrmont belongs to the principality of Waldeck.

"Thirtieth of 10th mo.—At ten this morning, we went to the usual mid-week meeting of Friends, which was larger than I had expected to find; here we were favored with the consolations of the Gospel of Christ, and I was enabled to relieve my mind of its burden, through our kind interpreter; and, with other things, I encouraged the young to faithfulness in manifested duty, even should they feel called to publicly own the Saviour in the assemblage of His people. Near the close of the meeting, a young man knelt in supplication, in German; and although I could not understand one word that he spoke, yet I was affected even to tears; and believing that the Lord has a work for him to do, I do desire that he may be faithful. After din-

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ner, we made two family visits, wherein much tenderness was apparent, and grateful acknowledgment was expressed for favors received.

"Thirty-first.—We visited the Friends' School here, which Friends in England assist them in keeping up. We found about a dozen scholars in the School, who seem to be making good progress in learning; and as our interpreter could not be with us this morning, we took a walk out of town, accompanied by a Friend who could speak some English, and went to see the public burial ground, as also that of Friends. Minden is a strong fortified town; many soldiers are kept here; and it made my heart sad to look upon these extensive preparations for the destruction of human life.

"In the afternoon we made three family visits which were favored seasons, especially at John Pracshers, where he, a son and daughter made the family, the father and son both appear in their meetings in the ministry; the opportunity here was a remarkable one, in which I felt to pour out my petitions to our Father in Heaven for the welfare of this dear family, for the poor messengers, and for the loved ones left at home; it was a very broken time.

"11th mo., 1st.—In the morning wrote to my dear wife and children in America, and in the afternoon made four family visits to good satisfaction, and returned to our hotel; in the evening, as our custom is, we read a portion of Holy Scripture, and felt our spirits refreshed together.

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"First day, 3rd of the mo.—Attended their Frst-day meeting in the morning, where the Gospel was preached, to the comfort and edification of those present. Dined at E. Pitsmyres, and in the afternoon was held their Two Months Meeting for discipline, which seemed to be well conducted, and they received four persons into membership. Near the close I made a few remarks, commending them to God and the word of His Grace; afterwards had a sitting in the family of our kind interpreter, and which finished that service in Minden.

"Fourth of the mo.—Accompanied by our kind interpreter, we took a carriage and passed through the little principality of Buckeburg, into the edge of Hesse, a place where a few persons hold a meeting after the order of Friends; and several of these were received into membership by the Two Months Meeting held at Minden. This afternoon we had a meeting with them (about twelve in number); as soon as I entered the room I felt the tendering influence of the love of God in Christ Jesus to spread over us like a garment, and I was enabled to preach unto them the unsearchable riches of Christ; and I parted with them under feelings of thankfulness to our Father in Heaven, for they were brought near to me in the heavenly relationship.

"Eleventh mo., 5th.—This morning we had the opportunity of taking an affectionate and tender leave of our Minden Friends, feeling that I had done in those parts what seemed required of me, and left them with a peaceful mind and returned to Dusseldorf.

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"Sixth.—Spent the day here. Four of the children of John Seebohm live here. We paid them a visit, and had a religious opportunity with them. We also visited a benevolent institution a little out of town, where several hundred destitute children are kindly cared for and educated. On the next day we reached Brussels, in Belgium, and stopped for the night.

"Eleventh mo., 8th.—Notwithstanding I had a good night's rest, I arose this morning feeling very low in mind, although I feel perfectly satisfied with my labors in Germany, etc.; but it would seem that it is something in prospect that causes this depression, and my thoughts were turned towards my home and country, and my soul was brought to feel very sorrowful, which continued with me through the day. As I rode along in the cars, the prayer of my heart was that I might be strengthened to bear all the trials and afflictions that may be permitted to come upon me, whether of a temporal or spiritual nature, and that these provings may tend to the refining of my spirit, so that I may become more and more fit for the Master's use; and I do desire to say, in all sincerity of heart, 'Into thy hands, O God, I commit my all; only be unto me strength in weakness, riches in poverty, and a present helper in every time of need.'

"Ninth.—Reached Calais, and in crossing to Dover I became very sea-sick; but this did not last very long, for we were only two hours in crossing. And here I parted with my very dear friends, J. and M. Chandler; they left for London immediately, intending

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to reach home that evening; and apprehending it to be right for me to resume my religious labors in England, I awaited their First-day Meeting here. On reaching the house of James Coulter, I found letters from my dear family, and it was comforting to my often-anxious feelings to learn they were in usual health, except my dear daughter writes that her mother is gradually failing in her health and energies, and whether I shall ever see her again the Lord only knows; but I have endeavored to give all up into His holy keeping, and left all for His sake and the Gospel's. I hope my faith may not be shaken, but that I may be favored, under all of the turnings and overturnings of His holy hand upon me, to finish the work assigned to me in this land, to the honor and glory of His ever excellent name. Amen.

"Ashford, 11th mo., 13th.—Attended their Mid-week Meeting here, which was small; had the company of a few others, not members, and a tender, refreshing time. Near the close, I felt to encourage a state that I apprehended is called to the work of the ministry, and I observed a man present that I believed to be the one, and was informed after that he is not a member, but a pious attender of our meetings, and has believed himself called of the Lord to speak in the assemblies of His people, but has not yet given up to the service, he seemed very much tendered. May the Lord bless him, and may He bless and sanctify the labors of His servant this day. to the benefit of those for whom it was designed.

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"Ware, 12th of 12th mo.—This morning we proceeded to Ware, and went to Joseph Squires', who is the only member here that is able to attend meetings, and goes regularly to meeting house on meeting days, and often sits alone; there is one other, not a member, that frequently sits with him. We sat with those two persons this morning, and were comforted in believing that the Lord was pleased to own us in this act of dedication. There are two aged widows belonging to this meeting, who are mostly confined to their beds by infirmity, whom we visited, and were much comforted in the prospect of their being near the Kingdom, believing them to be in a sweet and heavenly frame of mind, and waiting the coming of their Lord.

"Twelfth mo., 27th.—Attended Plaistow meeting in the morning and Ratcliff in the evening, in both of which I was vocally engaged in supplication, and I feel to record this evening that this has been a highly favored day.

"Plaistow is the meeting that Elizabeth Fry and Samuel Gurney belonged to. I went to the house where S. G. had lived. It is a moderate comfortable house for an English gentleman, it being the same that Dr. John Fothergill lived, and where he displayed so much taste in the cultivation of flowers, etc.

"Charlbury, 1st mo., 12th, 1862.—Went to the meeting here this morning, where I had some hard labor both in silence and in testimony; towards the close of the meeting liberty was experienced and I was enlarged in the feeling of Christian love, and was

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also favored with the spirit of prayer, to the influence of which I yielded, and the meeting ended well. In the afternoon went to Chipping Norton, and sat with the few Friends there, which was a very laborious time both in silence and testimony, and I was not able to see the cause of my deep exercise; the few here seem like consistent Friends; but the way of the Lord is a great deep, and I endeavored to be honest to my feelings in the meeting; and although this has not been as crowning a day as some, yet I hope the labor and deep travail of spirit which has been my portion may not be without their use, if it is only to bring my own soul into greater humility, which I often feel is very needful.

"Second mo., 15th.—Had a highly-favored opportunity this morning with the friends where we were stopping; Wm. Brigess and a member of the family knelt in prayer, and both supplicated for the prosperity and Divine protection of the stranger that was with them from a foreign land, and also for my safe return to my family and friends if it be the Lord's will. We then left and proceeded to Leicester; and I have felt very low in mind this afternoon, travailing as in the deep; a public meeting is appointed for to-morrow evening in the Temperance Hall; the prospect is that it will be large; it appears very formidable to me under my present state of feeling. 'Oh Lord, forsake not Thy unworthy servant under this renewed trial; but be pleased to give strength according to the day; give me not over to the destroyer, but deliver my soul

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from his snare, and in judgment remember mercy; and under a renewed sense of Thy great goodness enable me to ascribe unto Thee all glory, thanksgiving, and high renown, now and forever. Amen.'

Sixteenth.—A public meeting was held this evening as before hinted at, and it was large, supposed to be ten or twelve hundred there; and blessed forever be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, strength was received from Him to preach the Gospel to that large company, in the authority and demonstration of the Spirit, and to the relief of my own mind.

"Leicestershire, the county that I am now in, is the same that George Fox was born in; but as there is no meeting near the place now, I am not likely to pass that way, otherwise I should have been glad to have seen the spot; but I find that my business is not so much with generations that are past as with the present.

"Third mo., 4th, 1862.—One year ago this morning I took a solemn farewell of my family and Friends at home; and my mind has been very impressively carried back to that time when I parted with that mournful group which was composed of my dear wife and the greater part of my children and several dear friends, a time not soon to be forgotten.

"Fifth mo., 1st.—Proceeded to Oldham to attend Marsden Monthly Meeting, where my Divine Master was pleased to again appear as strength in weakness, and enable me to declare close doctrine to the people; brought to view the prophet's vision of the dry bones

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in the open valley, enlarging thereon, and applying it to the state of dry and formal professors, exhorting all such to come and embrace the truth, and walk in it by taking up the cross, and following the Lord Jesus in the way of His holy requirings. John Cowgill knelt in supplication, after which the meeting transacted its business in a very orderly manner.

"Blessed be the Lord, His sustaining arm is underneath and round about to preserve my soul from fainting, and my feet from slipping; and although the enemy is suffered to buffet, yet he is not suffered to prevail; and I remain to this day a living monument of the mercy of God in Christ Jesus our Lord, and can praise His holy Name for all His mercies.

"Second.—In company with J. and E. T., I visited John Bright's wife, he not being at home; and then we called on an invalid woman Friend, with whom I was made deeply to sympathize, she being under very sore trials, almost ready to faint by the way, and I endeavored to express my exercise in the language of comfort, encouraging her to trust in the mercy and providential care of our Heavenly Father. She was broken into tears and very thankful; at our parting, when Elizabeth Thaitwait told her in the presence of her brother, who sat with us, that nothing had been told only that she was an invalid,; but after we left, she told me that the invalid was dependent on her brother who had failed in business, and all that they had was soon to be sold, and the poor sufferer would be left homeless. It was comforting to me that I had

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been enabled to sympathize with her; and I could once more say, 'Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name.'

"Fifth mo., 7th.—This morning, Jane Satlethail took me to see some invalid Friends, and also to see the old Castle, a part of which was built by the Romans previous to the Christian era. A part of this ancient structure is used for holding their Courts of Law, and a part for a penitentiary and other prison purposes. It was here that George Fox was imprisoned for near two years because he refused to take the oath. I was not in the part that he was confined in, it is occupied by the debtors, and my guide had not liberty to conduct me there.

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CHAPTER IV.

The appointed time for holding London Yearly Meeting had nearly arrived, and since his return from Germany, in the eleventh mo. of 1861, John L. Eddy had not only been fervent in spirit, but he had been diligent in business; having up to this time attended one hundred and eighty meetings of Friends, and realizing in a degree of the heartfelt experience that the member of the living body, of which Christ Jesus is the Holy Head, are all baptized by the one Spirit into one body; he, though a stranger as to the outward, was prepared to sit where the people sat, and not only to rejoice with the living, healthful members of the Church, but to weep with the sorrowing ones, to sympathise with the very hindermost of the flock, and to mourn for the careless and unconcerned.

Though far separated from his dear family, for the Gospel's sake, how often was he cheered on his way, by an association with those who were livingly engaged for the welfare of Zion, and the enlargement of her borders.

But when he visited those neighborhoods where once a Fox, a Penn, a Pennington and a Barkley were made instrumental, in the hand of the Great Head of the Church, in gathering large congregations into

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Christian fellowship; and these were brought to accept Christ Jesus, not only as a vicarious offering for sin, but also as a Spiritual King, to rule and reign in their hearts; and yielding themselves to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, they were led by its gentle teachings, as by the still waters, into the green pastures of life and salvation, where their souls were refreshed with heavenly bread. And finding but a few here who had even a name to live, and some of these having no appearance of Friends, he was made to weep as between the porch and the altar, and to cry: "Spare Thy people, O Lord, and give not Thine heritage to reproach."

And besides these abundant labors with his brethren in religious fellowship, he held many public meetings, where, to congregated hundreds, he was largely engaged to preach the Gospel of life and salvation through a crucified, risen and glorified Redeemer; and while being thus devotedly engaged in religious service, the following beautiful lines, from his own pen, clearly set forth his spiritual exercises: "I feel a thankful heart for the many blessings and favors I am daily receiving from the Lord's hand; and although I have again and again to go down, as into the deep, for the purification of the soul, and a qualification for further service, yet the Lord is very gracious, and gives fresh supplies in every time of need. Bless His holy name."

"Fifth mo., 16th.—I am holding myself ready, if the Lord will, to depart on the morrow for London, and

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again attend the Yearly Meeting; and if it should seem right to lay my prospect of going to Norway before the Select Meeting.

"London, 5th mo., 19th. — Attended the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, which was a large and highly favored meeting; I ventured to give expression to my feelings in a very few words, feeling myself unworthy to occupy time in that dignified assembly, made up of the princes of the tribes from the various parts of this large Yearly Meeting.

"Twentieth. — The Select Meeting, last evening, adjourned to ten this morning; in this sitting, I laid my prospect of going to Norway before Friends, which drew out a large expression of unity; and I was encouraged to attend thereto in the ability that truth giveth. In this sitting, many hearts were baptized into the one spirit and feeling of the heavenly relationship, and I felt myself a little strengthened to prosecute my religious concerns in this land of strangers, according to ability received from my Heavenly Father.

"Fifth mo., 21st.—This morning the Yearly Meeting for discipline opened, and epistles from other Yearly Meetings, with which this corresponded, were read. Those from America all alluded to the subject of civil war, that is now raging to an alarming extent in our beloved country; and the sufferings and trials of Friends in that country have introduced this meeting into tender sympathy with them, and much sympathy

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was called forth; and I have not lately witnessed a greater solemnity to be spread over a meeting than on this occasion.

"Twenty-third. — This morning was devoted to worship, and several of the meeting-houses in the city were opened for that purpose, and it is seldom that I have felt a greater desire to be hid from observation than on this occasion; but as I earnestly entreated the Lord for right direction in the matter, I was made willing to attend the meeting in Devonshire House which I did, and had some very relieving service therein.

"In the afternoon another sitting of the Yearly Meeting was held, in which the subject of the ministry was discussed.

"Third day, 27th of 5th mo.—This morning was set apart by the Yearly Meeting for a conference of men and women Friends. Both houses were filled, and each one supplied with a clerk; and I was concerned to revive in the meeting an exortation of George Fox, when he admonished Friends to keep all their meetings in the power of God; so I hoped this large and interesting meeting would be held under this blessed influence. Friends were engaged to encourage each other to labor more earnestly and effectually for the benefit and conversion of the poor and degraded population within their borders. There were some most excellent remarks made, and good order and decorum prevailed.

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"Twenty-eighth.—This morning was devoted to worship in the several meeting-houses of London, and I went to the old Grace Church street meeting-house, in White Heart Court, where George Fox preached his last sermon. The situation of Friends in the city is such that they no longer need this house, and they have sold it, and do not again intend to hold meetings there. I was largely engaged in this meeting in setting forth the divine authenticity of the Holy Scriptures, pleading their inestimable value as publishing to the world the religion of Jesus Christ; and I had to set forth the danger of that state that would have us neglect the reading of the Holy Scriptures, for fear that we should depend too much upon them, and not enough upon the teachings of the Holy Spirit. While speaking I was brought under a sense of the powerful manifestation of truth that had been given to those in the early days of our Society; and I told Friends I hoped our minds might be so affected on the present occasion, that we may never forget the last meeting held in Grace Church meeting-house.

"Twenty-ninth.—There was very little to come before the Yearly Meeting to-day, but the passing of the Epistles, all of which was got through within the morning sitting except the General Epistle, and that was passed as usual, at the closing sitting, which was done in a very solemn manner, after which the meeting closed. The meeting for Ministers and Elders then met, and a certificate was granted to me to visit Norway; and in this meeting I had to travail with some

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tried minds, and can again say: 'Bless the Lord my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name.' On the two following days I procured some things for my Norwegian journey; wrote home to my dear wife and children, and made some calls, and on the next day proceeded to Stoke-Newington.

"First day of 6th mo.—Attended the meeting at Stoke-Newington and met John Peas, of Darlington, who was well-engaged in the ministry. I also added my might, and the meeting ended well.

"Sixth mo., 6th.—Attended the Meeting for sufferings, on which devolves to see that Friends traveling to foreign parts are suitably furnished with companions, &c.; and John Chandler very kindly offered to accompany me, and tarry with me a part of the time. Friends, as well as myself, being well satisfied therewith, it was agreed upon, and in the evening he called at H. Sterry's for me, and taking a solemn leave of these dear friends we proceeded to the King's Cross Station and proceeded direct to Hull, went on board the steamer Scandinavian, bound to Christiasand, where we arrived on first day evening, and put up at a hotel. Two Friends (though not members) met us on board and kindly conducted us to our quarters. There being a considerable number of passengers on board, we invited them into the cabin about noon to have a public reading of the Scriptures, and if anything further should appear to be required of us we would endeavor to attend thereto, J. C. read, and to some extent explained our views on true worship, and after

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a little time of silence I felt strengthened to declare the truth to the company in a short testimony, which was very relieving to my own mind, and appeared to be well received by the company. The captain, whose name is Daniel Fairburn, told us that he had conveyed several Friends to Norway, among whom was Thomas Shellito, and Eli and Sibil Jones, and he was well pleased with our meeting to-day, and I feel truly thankful that I am landed on Norwegian ground.

"Second day, 9th of 6th mo.—We breakfasted this morning with J. and C. Krudson (father and son), who were so kind to us last evening, and kindly walked around the town with us this morning, and about noon we took another steamer for Stavenger, where we arrived on the next morning, and were kindly received by Endre and Mariah Dahl. We wrote letters home, and walked about the town some, and took tea with Sarah Ann Doeg, wife of Robert Doeg, who is in England on a religious visit, but expects soon to return home. We made acquaintance with a few other Friends, and returned to our lodgings at Endre Dahl's. May the Lord be merciful to me, a poor and unworthy servant in a strange land.

"Eleventh.—Accompanied by E. Dahl, as our interpreter, and S. A. Doeg, who are ministers, with two other Friends to row our boat, we crossed over to an island, where several families of Friends reside, and visited them in their families, and in the evening had a meeting for Friends and others of the island, which was well attended and a highly favored meeting.

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John Chandler and myself both spoke, through the interpreter, and Sarah Ann Doeg prayed fervently in their language; and Endre Dahl spoke under his own concern; and although I could not understand one word of their communication, I thought the unction of the Holy Spirit was to be felt, and my spirit said amen to their vocal utterance. Much tenderness appeared in the families and in the meeting, and we returned by our boat to Stavenger, and I felt that we had much to be thankful for in that the Lord had blessed the beginning of our word in this distant land, praised be His great and glorious name forever.

"Twelfth of 6th mo.—Passed the day at Stavenger, and attended their usual week day meeting. It was a good solid meeting; J. C. and myself both spoke through our interpreter; good attention was paid. After meeting we made several calls and family visits, some of them being precious seasons. Sarah Ann Doeg was our guide and interpreter, and the day closed in much peace.

"Thirteenth.—Accompanied by Endre Dahl and three other Friends to row the boat, we proceeded on our journey up one of the fjords (pronounced fiords), about fourteen English miles, or two Norway miles, to the Island of Findo. It proved a wet day, and the sea was rough, with a head wind, which made it toilsome for them that managed the boat.

"We passed the night at a friend's house, who, with a few friendly people, kept up a meeting there. We had a meeting with them, about eighty in attendance; it was a precious opportunity.

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"Fourteenth.—With addition of Ole Regelstadt, the friend at whose house we stayed all night, we proceeded in our boat early this morning up the fjord, about four Norsk miles, to Saode, where a meeting of Friends is held. There they have a new meeting-house, built with the help of English Friends; and as the people here are in low circumstances, arrangements are made to accommodate traveling Friends in the upper story of their meeting-house; and although there are seven in our company, we can be pretty comfortably accommodated here, as E. D. brought provisions with him, and the Friends here are very kind in helping to furnish us, &c. It has been hard work for our rowers to-day, as they could not use their sails, but we got through in good time, and with thankful hearts.

"First day, 15th of 6th mo.—We had meeting both in the morning and afternoon. That in the morning was attended by about one hundred and fifty persons. That in the evening not so large. Some that came in the morning came on foot five or six miles, and returned without staying to the evening meeting.

"The Lord was pleased to bestow a rich blessing upon us this day, under the influence of which the poor servants were enabled to labor for the good of souls. The Gospel was preached in some degree of authority, and great attention was paid, and some were affected even to tears. They have no one here who appears in the ministry, but in the last meeting I was constrained to tell them that if they were faith-

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ful, one or more of their number would be called to this work. A dear young woman was much affected, and after meeting I learned that she had applied for membership, and I have no doubt, if she remains faithful, she will become very useful. May the Lord preserve her to His own praise, for to Him all praise is forever due. Amen, saith my soul.

"Sixteenth, 6th mo.—Took an affectionate leave of the dear Friends of this meeting, and taking our boat we returned about eight English miles down the fjord. Then took up another fjord, nine miles to the head of it. We then left our boat, and Friends procured a horse that J. Chandler and I should alternately ride upon; and by having some of the people to pack our luggage on their backs, we proceeded over land four miles to a lake, and hiring a boat to convey us seven miles across, we there stayed all night. The next morning we hired four horses to ride upon, and a man with another horse to pack our luggage. On we traveled fourteen miles over a mountain road, to a place called Railedal, where there is another meeting of Friends held.

"These mountain roads can only be traveled on foot, or by single horse; and no horse but the Norway pony is sufficient for the task. They will climb over the rocks almost equal to the goats. We have to-day rode over rocky heights that were fearful to behold; and, notwithstanding Friends pressed me to keep my horse, I several times chose to dismount and walk. Several of these mountains are not yet clear of snow.

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In the valleys there are patches of ground which will produce something for the subsistance of man, but the living of these poor people is a poor one at best, and I often feel greatly to pity them.

"Friends in England have also assisted them here in building a meeting-house, and the chamber is fitted up with beds, &c., for the convenience of Friends who visit them; and this is very well, for the Friends here are not prepared for entertaining company in their dwellings, and as our company consists of seven men in all, it is a great favor to have things thus prepared at the meeting-house.

"We had a meeting with the members and attenders this evening. There were about twenty in attendance, and after J. Chandler had spoken, the key of David was given to me; the good fountain was opened, and the water of life flowed freely, and many hearts were made glad in the Lord. And I did regret that I could not speak to them in my own tongue; but speaking through an interpreter becomes more and more easy and familiar; and I could once more say, return unto thy rest, oh my soul, for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee; and I retired to my bed with a thankful heart, for I had got much wearied in coming over the mountains.

"Eighteenth of 6th mo.—Had a good night's rest, and arose this morning much refreshed; and looked around upon the mountains, whilst a feeling of awe rested upon my mind in remembrance of Him who created all things by the word of His power. At 11

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o'clock we had another meeting of a more general character, there being about fifty persons present; and it was a most crowning meeting. Endre Dahl, and Ole Regelstadt both spoke, which introduced the meeting into a tender frame; and then I felt myself engaged to minister to the people; and so broken a meeting I do not remember to have attended, and the people were loath to separate. Blessed be the name of the Lord, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

"We took some refreshment after meeting, and then took a solemn leave of these dear Friends, who had remained with us until the time of departure, and a number of them bore us company for a considerable distance, and some came with us the fourteen miles to where we hired the horses, where we arrived late in the evening with thankful hearts, inasmuch as it had been the most dangerous horse-back ride that I had ever witnessed.

"Nineteenth.—We journeyed on again this morning and crossed the Seven Mile Lake, then walked four miles over the mountain to the head of the fjord where we left our boat. J. Chandler was furnished with a horse to ride over these mountains as his strength is not sufficient for such a walk; but I have much to be thankful for, in that I am yet equal to much fatigue and exposure. We then journeyed on in our own boat and reached another settlement of Friends, and went to a Friend's house where we were kindly treated, and furnished with a good bed, which was

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very acceptable after a hard day's work. Let all the praise be given to the great preserver of our lives both by sea and land.

"Sixth mo., 20th.—There are several members and a number of attenders in this place, and we had a meeting with them to pretty good satisfaction; and after dinner we embarked in our boat again and sailed across the fjord to see a couple of Friends who were not at the meeting on account of the wives ill health. We had a good visit with those dear friends, then proceeded on our way and again called on another couple that are members and live very remote from other Friends; had a satisfactory visit with them, and journeyed on and reached O. Regelstadts, on the Island of Findo, about ten at night; was kindly received by his wife, and had a comfortable night's rest, and on the next morning had a religious opportunity with the family; then traveling on in our boat we reached Stavenger about noon, having had a quick but rough run. The wind rose high before we landed but we got in safe, for which favor I felt thankful; and we were kindly received by Mary Dahl. At Stavenger I found newspapers, sent by Henry Sterry, of London, by which I learned that the Civil War in the United States is still raging to an alarming extent, the horrors of which are sometimes overwhelming to my mind. O awful scourge! when will it be stayed? When will the people learn righteousness? May the day be hastened when the swords shall be beaten into plowshares, and the spears into prunning hooks, when they

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shall not hurt or destroy in all the Lord's holy mountain, nor on his footstool; but that the Prince of Peace may reign from sea to sea and from the rivers to the ends of the earth, so that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdoms of the Lord, and of His Christ, from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same.

"Sixth mo., 22nd, First day.—Attended meeting in Stavenger, both morning and evening. J. Chandler had good service in the morning, but I was silent; in the evening I spoke at considerable length, and the day ended well, for Friends were refreshed in the Lord.

"Twenty-third.—This evening, we held an appointed meeting three miles from Stavenger, some Friends living in the neighborhood; some invitation was given, and it was a large meeting; hard labor fell to my lot, feeling bound to the service, for I was made to believe that one was there who was trampling the mercies of God under foot, and if there was not a speedy repentance, it would be eternally too late. I endeavored to clear myself of the burden as well as I could, and the day closed peacefully. Several Friends from Stavenger attended the meeting.

"Twenty-fourth.—Used part of the day in writing letters, and in the afternoon, accompanied by Sarah Ann Doeg, we made several family visits, she serving as interpreter; and we were favored with an evidence that our Divine Master was graciously pleased to be with us, and we returned to our lodgings with thankful hearts.

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"Twenty-fifth.—We again left Stavenger, with men enough to manage the boat, and our kind host as interpreter, and sailed up one of the fjords to a place called Fjossim; here there is a meeting of Friends, and on Fifth day we had a meeting with them. Stayed all night, and, on the way, we had a meeting at a Friend's house, then proceeded to Ravnaas; there we had a meeting with Friends, and others; it was held at the house of Theodore Ravnaas, where all were serious and attentive; many were deeply affected, and Friends were comforted together in the Lord; we parted in love. We stayed at the Friend's house all night, and early in the morning, we came back to Stavenger, it being the day preceding their Yearly Meeting, and Endre Dahl wished to be at home as early as he well could.

"Seventh day, 28th of 6th mo.—Attended the Yearly Meeting, and was engaged in the ministry, in the part devoted to worship, and S. A. Doeg appeared in solemn prayer, and several others were vocally engaged, and it was a favored meeting; then they began the Business Meeting, occupying but one room, and held two sittings, and all was conducted in a very orderly manner; and near the close of the meeting, I told them that I felt as a learner amongst them, and that it had been a time of instruction to me. The sufferings of Friends, as reported this year, is much larger than usual, being near two hundred dollars of ecclesiastical demands; and some have been imprisoned for refusing to comply with military demands. At this meeting,

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there were five applications for membership, and four of these from neighborhoods that we have recently visited.

"Twenty-ninth.—Their two usual meetings were held in Stavenger to-day, being about three hundred in attendance. In the morning meeting, I was silent, although several spoke, J. C. was livingly engaged; in the evening I was largely engaged in the ministry, speaking through our kind interpreter; and, after meeting, it was concluded to hold a parting meeting, at eight o'clock this evening, which was nearly as large as those held in the day; a good, solid meeting we had, many tender hearts greeting each other, and the Lord was glorified.

"Thirtieth of 6th mo.—Used the forenoon in writing letters. In the afternoon, went out three miles, and held a meeting at a Friend's house, which was well attended; and I scarce ever endured the buffetings of Satan more severely than here, in the forepart of this meeting, it being suggested to me that my being here is an imposition on the people and all wrong; but I endeavored to gather inward, and the quieting influence of the Holy Spirit seemed more and more to pervade my mind, and after O. R. had spoken, the love of Christ so prevailed in my heart that I arose to my feet, being raised above the fear of man and Satan, and R. Doeg being with us as interpreter, also stood upon his feet, and the Lord was pleased to take to Himself His great power and reign, and I have not been better satisfied in testimony since I came to this

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land. J. C. and R. D. both spoke; and near the close Ole Regalstadt again spoke in a very impressive manner, and although I could not understand him I felt the force of his testimony, and the meeting ended well.

"Seventh mo., 1st.—This afternoon, accompanied by R. Doeg and several other Friends, we went by boat to a place called Idas, and had a meeting at a Friend's house. Several testimonies were borne by those present. When the meeting closed it was near night, and the wind against us and the sea rough, so we tarried there all night, and in the morning had a smooth passage returning. At seven in the evening we held a very satisfactory meeting about one mile from Stavenger, having made a few family visits before meeting.

"Seventh mo. 3rd.—Accompanied by E. Dahl and R. Doeg we took a steamer and journeyed up the coast about thirty miles to Noerstrand, where we had a meeting, there being three Friends living here, and after meeting went by boat to Sedneland, where there is a meeting of Friends. We held an appointed meeting with them which was deeply interesting, being held at the house of a widow with four small children and very low circumstances.

"Fourth.—Proceeded this morning about five miles by land and three by boat to Slagvig, and held a meeting at a Friend's house. Several Friends were engaged in the ministry, I hope to good account; but I do not find that peace and comfort that I desired,

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and great distress with discouragement are my portion. I fear that I have offended my good and gracious Master, and therefore He is withdrawing His Holy Spirit from me, and if so what shall I do in this strange land? Be merciful to me, oh my God! and let not Thy anger burn against Thy poor, unworthy servant, who desires to serve Thee, and to find grace to help in time of need.

"Fifth of 7th mo.—Six Friends joined us this morning from Slagvig, making twelve in our company. We journeyed in a boat three miles, and then were met by four others to help us over the rocks one mile, and across a lake several miles in width. We reached Hatel Hul, where we had a meeting with a few Friends and about fifty other persons. It was a Heavenly good meeting, and we had much cause to bless the great and glorious name of the Lord for His blessings, for they are great. We then re-crossed the lake and were met by Friends from Stackland, where a meeting is kept. They took us about three miles over one of their rocky heights to their house in a valley, and near a fjord, where we were kindly entertained, and awaited the meeting on first day. The kindness of Friends and friendly people here is very great, for it would seem that nothing is too much for them to do in order to manifest their love and Christian kindness for us, unworthy as we are; and when I saw them coming down the rocky heights this morning to meet us at the water's edge, I was affected to tears, and I told John Chandler I would that we

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were worthy of this kindness. And although I was yesterday brought very low and ready to conclude that my being here is all wrong, yet the Lord by His mighty power has plucked my feet from the miry clay, and has set them on a rock and established my goings, and has put a new song in my mouth, even praises to my God.

"First day, 6th of the mo. — The meetings to-day were large; in the morning about two hundred were there, and we were told that many were there who had never before attended a Friends' meeting; and where all these people came from I could not tell, as there is little to be seen here but barren rocks and mountains. But the people, hearing of our being here, came many miles, although we did not request that public notice should be given, and the Lord was pleased not to send them away fasting, but to bless and break the little bread among us, and to give to the disciples, and they were strengthened to hand it to the multitude, and many testimonies were borne; and although I could not understand those spoken in Norsk, yet I believe they carried with them the savor of life.

"Seventh of 7th mo.—Left our kind friends, the Stacklands, and attended by several Friends, both men and women, we proceeded six miles, a part of the way in our boat, to a Friend's house, whose name is Forbjem Arik, where we had a meeting, and our blessed Saviour was pleased to again preside over us, several of the company taking a share in the ministry, and then had a precious opportunity in the family.

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"We here parted with those dear friends, who returned home, and we proceeded by a conveyance which they call a 'carryall' to Haugesund, and I think I never witnessed any kindness to excel that of those dear people.

"Seventh mo., 9th. — Yesterday, at two in the afternoon, we left Haugesund for Bergen, where we arrived the same evening, and went to a hotel; and a part of to-day was passed in taking a view of the town, which is a thriving business place of twenty-six thousand inhabitants, beautifully situated in a valley at the head of a fjord between the mountains. There are about twenty persons here who profess with Friends, and hold a meeting. We had a Heavenly meeting with them; the hearts of many were made soft, and the eyes of many were wet with tears, and they were encouraged to persevere in the way of the Lord. Endre Dahl, to whom we are much indebted for his efficient help in communicating to the people, is still with us, also Robert Doeg, and another friend from Stavenger.

"Eleventh.—Yesterday we left Bergen in a steamer and sailed to the head of a fjord called Ida. Stayed all night, and this morning we sailed across a small lake, then hired a carryall to Vossabout, a distance of fourteen miles, in all about one hundred and thirty English miles, to visit a few Friends here, and at seven o'clock had a favored meeting with them While sailing up the fjord we saw mountains covered with perpetual snow, with some glaciers on their sides

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which were beautiful to look upon, and the scenery altogether as we travel among and over these mountains, valleys, gorges and fjords, is, to the eye of a stranger, certainly very grand.

"Twelfth of 7th mo.—To-day, had a meeting three miles further on at a friendly man's house, where Endre Dahl and Robert Doeg were both well engaged, and near the close of the meeting I felt impressed to sound a warning voice to a state that I apprehended had long been slighting mercy's voice; and the meeting ended well. This has been a day of deep proving to me, and I have strewed my tears by the way; my state has seemed to be like the children of Israel when they were brought before the Red Sea, and in their straitened feelings said to Moses: 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt, that thou hast brought us here to die in this wilderness?' I have felt very poor and lonely, yet, on retiring to rest could say, it is good for me to be here.

"First day, 13th.—We had a large meeting at the house where Friends usually hold their meeting and the Gospel was preached in the love of it. There seems to be a remnant here that love the truth, and are in some measure faithful to it. After meeting, we took some refreshment, and had a precious religious opportunity with the greater part of the Friends here, and taking an affectionate leave of them, we started on our return and coming to Fjossin we waited for the steamer to convey us to Stavenger, and although we have taken so much time to visit these few Friends

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for the spread of the Gospel, we feel that it has not been labor lost. Near noon, the steamer came. We had a comfortable passage, reaching Stavenger in the evening. Were again kindly received by Mariah Dahl, and retired to rest with grateful hearts.

"Seventh mo., 16th.—Being about to leave Stavenger for a time, and John Chandler not to return here, we called a meeting of Friends in the evening, and many others being present, many truths were spoken, and I believe from right authority, and we took an affectionate leave of friends, and went on board the steamer Jupiter in order to go to Christiana, having Robert and Sarah Ann Doeg with us; and on the evening of the next day arrived at Christiansand, and went on shore, awaiting another steamer for Christiana, and arrived there on the 19th. Absjorn Kloster met us and conveyed us to our hotel.

"First day, 20th of 7th mo.—Sat two meetings with Friends here, which were comfortable seasons, believing there is an honesty of purpose in them and a desire to support the truth as professed by Friends. Joseph Messers and Mary his wife, she a minister from England, are staying here for a few months, and are a great strength to the meeting. I have ventured to have two public meetings here for the two succeeding evenings; may the Lord be my helper.

"Twenty-first.—At 7 in the evening, we went to the appointed meeting held in Friends' meeting place, where A. Kloster was largely engaged in the ministry, and although I could not understand the language, my

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heart went with him. I also spoke a little, and A. Kloster interpreted for me; but the life did not arise as at other times. The meeting ended well.

"Twenty-second.—Passed the day agreeably with my friends, and in the evening we went to the meeting in which Mary Messers, R. Doeg, Absjorn Kloster, and myself, all had something to communicate. John Chandler knelt in prayer. A. Kolster I considered to be highly favored. He spoke, I believe, in the authority of truth to a large and very attentive congregation, and the meeting ended well, and I feel glad that we have been instrumental in making a way for A. Kolster to relieve his mind so fully to his fellow citizens.

"Twenty-third.—R. Doeg and myself had expected to leave here to-day for Tromso; but R. and S. A. Doeg not feeling fully satisfied that we should leave without having another meeting, I readily consented to have my name used for the purpose; and the meeting was held, being large, and our speaking Friends had good service. This also proved a satisfactory meeting, and I was glad to sit and see the work well done, and I hope we could all return thanks to our Father in Heaven for his mercies to us.

"Fifth day, 24th of 7th mo.—R. Doeg and I went this morning to A. Kloster and O. Casperson's, and had very precious religious opportunities; and parting with the two families in such love seemed to be a strong confirmation to us that our visit to Christiana had not been wrong; and we could not but hope that

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a blessing might attend it; and parting with Sarah Ann Doeg and John Chandler, we traveled by rail forty miles, then by a steamer seventy miles to a place called Little Hammer, being now on our way to Tromso, far north, where a few friendly people reside. It will take a long travel by land and water to accomplish this visit. My beloved friend, J. Chandler, remained with me as long as he expected to, and we parted in much love.

"Twenty-fifth of the mo.—We proceeded early this morning by 'diligence,' and traveled thirty-five miles; then had to hire ponies and carryalls, which are kept at stations. We changed occasionally, and the roads being good, we made seventy-five miles to-day. Stopped at a place called Maen.

"Twenty-sixth.—Proceeded in our carryall at about ten miles to the stage. The roads were mostly very good. In the course of the day we passed over the Davre Mountains, and in sight of a mountain called Sneheth, one of the highest in Norway, and covered with perpetual snow; and in another direction we saw other similar mountains, but not so high, and as the sun was shining upon them they were very beautiful to behold; and although traveling over a very great elevation, we seemed to be almost encircled by mountains. We stopped the night at D.

"Twenty-seventh.—We were thoughtful this morning in regard to using the day in a proper manner, and came to the conclusion to travel morning and evening, and lay by in the middle of the day; and

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after traveling two stages we made an effort for a meeting, but no suitable place could be obtained; and after we had taken some refreshment, we took a walk in a wood, and there sat down in solemn waiting upon the Lord, who was pleased to make His promise good, that where two or three are gathered together in His name He will be there in the midst of them, for it was a time of renewing of strength, and of covenant, in which I spoke a few words; and R. Doeg knelt in prayer, and thanksgiving to the Lord for all His mercies. We then returned to our inn, and proceeded on our journey until bed-time.

"Twenty-eighth.—Proceeded to-day by our usual conveyance, and reached Trondhjim, situated on one of the fjords of the North Sea. Here we are to take shipping for Tromso. Since leaving Stavenger, we have traveled three hundred and forty miles; are thinking of having a meeting here. Trondhjim is a fine appearing city of twenty thousand inhabitants, and here is the only Roman Catholic Cathedral in Norway.

"Twenty-ninth.—R. Doeg went out this morning to get bills printed for a meeting this evening, to be held in a ball-room, which he had hired for the purpose, but the police would not suffer bills to be posted up within the limits of the city; and we were apprehensive that we would not have a large meeting, but when we went to the house, we found it filled to its utmost capacity, and many that could not get in; and the

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good word of life seemed to flow as a stream to them through the poor instrument. There were four hundred persons in attendance.

"Thirtieth. — This morning went on board the steamer bound for Tromso.

"Eighth mo., 1st.—We are still on our way, and my mind feels calm, which I esteem a great favor. This is a very long journey we are making in order to visit a little remnant of the flock; but whenever I have thought of omitting this part of my concern, I have not felt peace, and I am endeavoring to do what I apprehend my Heavenly Father requires of me.

"Second of 8th mo.—We are still making progress on our journey. About noon, we stopped at a place called Boda, and were privileged to take a walk, which was very refreshing. This is the first town that we have come to within the Arctic Circle.

"I have remembered that this is the day on which Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting is held; and I have thought much of my dear Friends in their collective capacity, and not been without a hope that they have, at least, turned a thought towards their poor brother, who is in a far distant land, separated from those that are most dear to my heart in this world; but when I remember that it is for Christ and the Gospel's sake that I am here, and that nothing of an earthly nature would induce me to be thus separated from them, I feel to bow before the Eternal One, and say: 'Good is the word of the Lord who daily loadeth me with benefits.'

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"Second day, 4th of 8th mo. — This evening we landed at Tromso, situated about the seventieth degree of north latitude, and were kindly received by Ole Gjisme and wife, and way was made for us to lodge in the upper story of Friends' meeting-house; and thus we are nicely cared for. The season here has been very cold and backward, so that there is no prospect of their grain ripening. We saw snow on the mountains nearly all the way for the last two or three days, and to-day we saw snow that fell last night, and the season is not much like the first of eighth month in Ohio; and now having come a great distance to see the few dear Friends here, the prayer of my heart is that we may be directed according to the will of our Heavenly Father.

"Fifth.—We held a meeting in the meeting-house at seven in the evening. A goodly number gathered, and the meeting was held in much quietness. I think it may be said we had a favored meeting. I feel that we have much cause of thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for the dispensation of His mercy and great kindness.

"Sixth of 8th mo.—Still remaining at Tromso, and not being otherwise engaged, we took a boat and crossed the fjord, and then in company with Ole Gjisme we walked about three miles to see some Laplanders who are sojourning here through the summer with their reindeer; we went at the time when they had them down from the mountains for milking. It was indeed a novel sight to see four hundred reindeer

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in an enclosure, and the men, women, and children of two families, busily engaged in catching and milking them. We returned to our lodgings weary, but much enjoyed the privilege of rest.

"Seventh of 8th mo.—This morning, sat with the few in this place who profess with Friends, only five in number, and the Lord was pleased to favor us with a Heavenly time, in which all of my trials and misgivings in regard to coming here were dispelled, and an undoubted evidence was granted to me that He was pleased to accept the sacrifice; much brokenness was apparent, and the prayer of my heart is that they may be faithful to the manifestations of truth in their own hearts.

"At seven in the evening, we held another public meeting, which, though small, was held to good satisfaction, and closed solemnly; and although Friends and others are desirous that we should remain here longer. Arrangements are being made for us to depart on the morrow.

"Eighth of the mo.—This day we took an affectionate leave of our dear Friends at Tromso, except Ole Gjisme, who accompanied us to Lerstrand, fourteen miles, there being a few Friends there, and on the next day we had a meeting with them and their neighbors, and it was a time to be remembered, for the Lord was pleased to spread the canopy of His love over us, and to cause His Word to flow through His instruments to the tendering of many hearts; and the dear old father of the little flock here, whose

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name is Tobias Torlson, knelt in great humility and brokenness. I felt that the offering was owned of the dear Master, and the meeting closed under a solemn covering. After taking some refreshment, we went to a steamboat station, where we took a tender leave of the dear Friends who came with us, and I feel that I have much cause to say: 'Return unto thy rest, oh, my soul! for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.'

"First day, 10th mo.—This morning parted with our kind friend and helper, Ole Gjisme, and we went on board the steamer and took our passage for Trondhjim, having accomplished all the service in these parts that I had in prospect. I have bid farewell to Tromso and its vicinity, never expecting to see them more.

"Eighth mo., 15th. — We arrived at Trondhjim last night, but being in bed we did not come on shore until morning, and having to wait to-day for the steamer we felt inclined to hold another meeting here. At seven in the evening we went to the meeting, and though not large, it was satisfactory; then went direct to the steamer, having taken our passage to Bergen.

"Sixteenth.—Came to Christiansand about noon; and there being a family of Friends living here who had come from Tromso, in the evening we went on shore and had a meeting at the Friend's house, and those professing with Friends. They felt that the Lord had been good to them in sending His servants amongst them.

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"Eighteenth of 8th mo.—We passed the day on shipboard, except a few hours delay at Aolesund, in which time we took a walk on shore and sought a retired place to wait upon the Lord; and this morning we arrived in Bergen, and not being privileged to go forward until to-morrow, we stopped at a hotel, and in the evening had a precious meeting with the Friends and friendly people here, wherein they were exhorted to a faithful discharge of known duty, and reminded that it is through much tribulation that we must enter the Kingdom of Heaven, and that they that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. After the meeting I was informed that on the last first day a Lutheran priest came to their meeting and raised an opposition to the doctrine and practice of Friends, but was so ably answered by some of the Friends that he gained nothing by his persecuting conduct. I took a solemn farewell of these dear Friends, telling them that I never expected to see them again in this world, but desired to meet them in Heaven, where parting will be no more.

"Nineteenth.—Left Bergen this morning, going on board the North Star, and arrived in Stavenger in the evening, and was kindly received by our dear Friends here, having been absent from here five weeks, in which time I had no tidings from my dear family. I was much refreshed in finding letters awaiting me giving a good account of these dear ones, for which and all other favors received I desire to be thankful for.

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"Eighth mo., 21st.—Left Stavenger, accompanied by R. Doeg and E. Dahl, and proceeded to Aaland, and had a solid, good meeting there; then by carryall to Arek, where we had a meeting about six weeks ago; took a boat for the island of Little Bukken, but night overtook us. We went on shore, and the next morning proceeded to the place of our destination. Arriving there about noon we stopped at the house of John Johnson; had a meeting there, and with the assistance of this kind Friend proceeded to Vieg, on the Island of Renniso. There has been a meeting of Friends held upon this island for many years, but a number of the members have been removed by death. First day, attended the meeting at Vieg, and in the afternoon had an appointed one at Aske, both to pretty good satisfaction, and in the evening returned to Stavenger.

"Twenty-ninth. — At Sallagsen, Rayland, near Quinsdale, feeling the time has nearly come for me to leave Norway, I have been resting a few days. On fourth day evening, took an affectionate leave of the dear Friends of Stavenger, having E. Dahl and R. Doeg with me. Last evening, reached Quinsdale, where we met T. Raisland, who had come to receive us. In the course of the day we have made several family visits, and this evening the greater part of the Friends here met, and we had a religious opportunity, a portion of Holy Scripture being read, and it was a time of favor.

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"At Quinsdal, Endre Dahl and John L. Eddy took an affectionate and final leave of each other. The former returned to his home, while the latter, attended by Robert Doeg, continued his religious labors in this vicinity until the 6th of 9th mo., when he took a final leave of his very dear Norwegian Friends, and went on board the Scandinavian, bound for Hull. Here he met with Joseph and Mary Messers, who were returning to England from a visit to Christiana." The following entry from the manuscript will form an appropriate close to this chapter:

"Ninth mo., 6th.—Feeling clear of Norway, I went on board the steamer with a thankful heart, and there took an affectionate leave of my dear companion and interpreter, Robert Doeg, who continued with me up to this time, and I could say: 'Bless the Lord, oh my soul! and all that is within me bless His holy name.'

"Ninth of 9th mo.—Had a good passage over; was free from sea sickness, and was kindly received by S. and M. A. Priestman, having traveled in my Norwegian journey four thousand and five hundred miles."

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CHAPTER V.

After holding an appointed meeting at Hull, John L. Eddy traveled direct to London, and on fourth day, the tenth of ninth mo., again attended Friends' meeting at Devonshire House; and on the following day he journeyed to Folkstone, in company with Stafford Allen, and crossing the channel to Boulogne, he journeyed on through Paris, Lyons, &c., and reached Nismus on the 15th. Writing from this place he says:

"Nismus, 16th of 9th mo., 1862.—We turned out this morning to find the residence of Julius Paradon. On our way, met with Lydia Majolier, who had come from Congenies to render us such assistance as we shall need, and she has kindly offered to give up her time to be of service to us. Arriving at Julius Paradon's, it was concluded that Friends here, and such others as will attend, meet at this house this evening. Accordingly, at seven o'clock, about twenty convened, and after a season of silence, life arose, and ability was given to declare the truth in good authority. Julius interpreted for me, and near the close he knelt in supplication, and the meeting ended well.

"Eighteenth of 9th mo.—Hired a carriage, and with Lydia Majolier for our guide, we proceeded to St. Hypolyte, where a few Friends live,—Augustus and

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Eugenia Paradon are the principal. We had a refreshing, religious opportunity with them. On the next morning, with L. Majolier, we visited the widow of a Friend, and her mother and sister. We had a favored religious opportunity. She acknowledged that the message was a cordial to her mind, and delivered in the right time. Parting with these dear Friends, we proceeded to Fontaines, where were some Friends; but being engaged in their vintage, to convene them would have been attended with difficulty; we therefore passed on to Congenies, where they agreed to meet with us on first day.

"First day, 21st of 9th mo.—Attended the usual morning meeting with Friends here, and those from Nismus and Fontaines; a goodly number of those not members present. Although I felt to lament the departure of the fathers, and mothers, and their places not filled, yet the design of the Lord is to have a people to His praise in this place. The Gospel stream flowed freely to the strengthening of the weak hands, and confirming the feeble knees. Lydia Majolier knelt in prayer, and Daniel Brown, Fontaines, had a testimony and prayer. In the evening, a public meeting was held in the village, where I was largely engaged on the Divinity of Christ, and the office of the Holy Spirit.

"Twenty-third.—Had an evening meeting at Fontaines; Lydia Majolier being so indisposed that she could not interpret for me. Her brother, George Majolier, kindly assisted me, and I had a good time in

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declaring the truth to a very attentive audience; and it was a solid, satisfactory meeting. We then returned to Congenies.

"Twenty-fourth. — This morning, we find Lydia Majolier much relieved from her affliction. At seven this evening, we had another meeting here, and she was able to interpret for me. The meeting was owned of the Good Shepherd, and many Gospel truths were declared. The careless and the indifferent were warned, and the faithful encouraged, and the poor instrument much relieved; and I retired with a heart filled with thanksgiving and praise to my ever adorable Father in Heaven, in that He does condescend to strengthen my weakness, and that He enables me to perform my duty to Him, and to my fellow creatures; and that I am favored to feel that peace that the world can neither give nor take from me.

"Twenty-fifth of 9th mo.—Feeling clear of Congenies, having had both public and private services there; and Friends acknowledged that the Lord had remembered them in sending His servant amongst them, we journeyed to Nismus.

"Twenty-sixth.—Took a carriage this morning, and Jules Paradon accompanying us, we went to St. Giles, where there are a few Friends. We had a meeting with them, and we believe there is still a spark of life left here, and strength was graciously given to fan the same until it seemed to kindle into a flame, and a hope is raised that our coming here was not in vain. We then returned to Nismus.

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"First day, 28th of 9th mo.—This morning, sat with Friends at J. Paradon's, some being there from Congenies, Fontaine, and St. Giles. They manifested great interest in our being here, and I believe many of these were enabled to renew their covenants with their Saviour; and would that these covenants might not be broken, but that their lights might shine more conspicuously before the world, and that they may be prepared to at least hear the blessed welcome of well done, good and faithful servants.

"Not feeling clear without seeing more of the people of Nismus in a meeting capacity, Jules Paradon applied to the pastor of the French Church, who freely gave up his afternoon meeting to us, and gave notice of it; and the Methodist clergymen hearing of this, expressed a strong desire that I would hold a meeting with them at eight in the evening, to which I agreed, and both of these meetings were large; and blessed forever be the name of my dear Saviour, He did not forsake me in this time of need."

Feeling nearly clear of France, he departed for England, and taking a few isolated families of Friends in the way, he reached London on 2nd of 10th mo., where he writes: "I was enabled to recount the many blessings and favors of my Heavenly Father, in that He has enabled me to accomplish what I had in prospect in France; and I desire to return thanks to His ever adorable name, both now and forever. I found letters awaiting me in London, giving a favorable account of my family."

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He resumed his religious labors in England, and continued them until in the 12th mo. He then passed into Scotland, and after a general visit to the meetings of Friends there, holding some public meetings, he crossed into Ireland, and was diligently engaged in holding and attending meetings there until the 4th mo., 1863, when he wrote in the manuscript: "I feel peace in the retrospect of my labors, having gone over the ground of my concern so far as to attend all of the meetings of Friends in England and Europe; but I cannot see it right for me to return home until after London Yearly Meeting.

"Fourth mo., 24th, Dublin.—Attended Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, which was favored with the overshadowing of Heavenly good, and many hearts were tendered therein. I told Friends that I believed the time was near at hand when I might be privileged to return to my native land, and a committee was appointed to prepare a returning certificate for me, and produce it to a future sitting.

"First day, 26th.—Attended the two meetings where several Friends were engaged in the ministry; but my lot was to sit in silence.

"Second day, 27th.—Began Yearly Meeting for business, in which I made a few remarks on the non-attendance of meetings on first day afternoon, as it appeared by the answers to the queries that these were generally small.

"Second of 5th mo.—The Yearly Meeting closed to-day. I have mostly kept silent in its various sittings,

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except, on fifth day, I made some pretty close remarks in regard to the state of Society as I had found it in passing among Friends; and on sixth day, after Joseph Fisher had spoken on the subject of rewards and punishments in the world to come, I was largely drawn forth on the same subject, bringing to view the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. This afternoon was held a Meeting of Ministers and Elders, in which a certificate was prepared and directed to my meeting at home of my acceptable company and services within the limits of this Yearly Meeting.

"Third of 5th mo.—Attended Dublin meeting, both fore and afternoon. Had large and relieving service in the morning, and as it was the last day that I should attend in Ireland, I felt to take a solemn leave of Friends in the afternoon, and it was a time of great tenderness. In the evening, a large company came to Samuel Bewley's, where we had a solemn time together, and parted in much love, and I could once more adopt the language: 'Return unto thy rest, oh my soul, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with thee.'

"Fourth of 5th mo.—Having for some time felt that it would be right for me to proceed pretty directly, after Dublin Yearly Meeting, to London, I took an affectionate leave of my dear friends, and, accompanied by S. Bewley, took the boat for Holyhead, and reached London in the evening.

"The 9th of 5th mo.—Feeling a desire to once more visit my dear friends John and Maria Chandler, I proceeded to Chelmsford; was met at the depot by the

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latter, who kindly conducted me to her home, and I was truly glad to be with these dear friends once more, and the next day attended the Chelmsford meeting; taking a solemn leave of them, for as the time seemed fast approaching when I expect to embark for my native land, every meeting seems like a parting opportunity. Spent the evening with Susanna Corder, who at present is suffering affliction, and whom I look upon as one of the most devoted women that I am acquainted with."

About this time John L. Eddy received the following beautiful lines, composed by Maria Feltham, of Winchmore Hill, England.

Lines suggested by John L. Eddy's remarking, in reference to his return home, that though the prospect was pleasant, he hoped he should be resigned to stay, if it should be the Lord's will; for soldiers do not receive their reward without a legal discharge:

LINES WRITTEN BY MARIA FELTHAM.

Awake, my muse, once more,
To sing a farewell lay;
Our Friend, from fair Columbia's shore,
Bade us farewell to-day.

He looks towards his home,
With a glad and thankful heart,
Feeling his work so nearly done,
That soon he may depart.

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To fancy's eye, how fair
The well-known home appears;
What happy faces greet him now,
That last he left in tears.

Time, space, to him are nothing now;
His wife once more he sees;
His children, and their little ones,
Are clustering round his knees.

What loving watch the Lord has kept,
O'er all that parted band,
And brought His servant safely back
To his dear native land.

From fairy dreams like these he wakes,
To ask his heart once more
If his appointed work is done,
On this, our foreign shore.

If such his Master's will,
Though sharp might be the pain,
He feels that, to these fields of toil,
He yet could turn again.

He would not go until
His leave is freely given,
Lest he should miss the sweet reward
In store for him in Heaven.

May we, too, seek to know
Our earthly work thus done;
Content to bear the Cross below,
Ere we receive the Crown.

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John L. Eddy received the following letter from his beloved friend, John Chandler:

"My Dear Friend, John L. Eddy,—It was my wish to have been in London to-morrow and the next day, and to have attended with thee what I supposed would have been the last meeting for worship we should be likely to sit together; but feeling somewhat unequal to the effort, I now reluctantly give up the attempt. Thou art about once more to cross the mighty deep, not as when coming to England with a mind bowed under deep religious concern to visit strangers, but with a mind relieved of a great weight, returning to thy own dear home and beloved wife and family. Thou wilt bear with thee, we cannot doubt, the sheaves of peace in thy bosom, and the Christian regard and true love of thy brethren and sisters in Europe will go with thee. Let me, as one of thy traveling companions, express to thee, in the words of the Psalmist, my honest desires and prayers for thy welfare: 'The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble, for thou will yet have many troubles, as well as blessings;' the name of the God of Jacob defend thee; send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion; remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifices; grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy council. My dear wife joins in a feeling love to thee and thine. Once again, farewell, and believe me to remain,

"Thy affectionate Friend,

"John Chandler."

"Second day, 18th of 5th mo.—Attended the first sitting of the meeting of Ministers and Elders of London Yearly Meeting, which was acknowledged to be a favored meeting. On third day, was held another

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sitting of this meeting, wherein Isaac Sharp was liberated to an extension of his visit to the northern regions of Iceland, Greenland, Labrador, &c. Much unity was expressed with him. Afterwards, I gave an account of my journey and service in Norway, with which Friends expressed satisfaction; and they also read my returning minutes from Friends in Norway to my meetings in America; and I also informed the meeting that the time was near when I believed I should be set at liberty to return to my family and friends in America, having my passage already engaged. There was much expression of unity and satisfaction with my services in this land, and a committee was appointed to prepare a returning certificate for me.

"Fourth day, 20th of 5th mo.—The Yearly Meeting at large convened, and there was a large attendance. Epistles from other Yearly Meetings were read, and in the greater part of those from America, allusion was made to the devastating war that now rages in the United States; and Friends were brought into such sympathy with their American Friends, that a committee was appointed to prepare an epistle of love to them.

"Twenty-eighth.—The closing sitting of the Yearly Meeting was held this morning, wherein ability was granted for me to leave a parting blessing with my Friends at considerable length, and much tenderness pervaded the meeting, and I felt that a great burden was about to be rolled from my shoulders. Apprehending little else will be required of me except to attend a few

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meetings before my departure. In the afternoon, attended the closing sitting of the meeting for Ministers and Elders, in which was made out a very full returning certificate, directed to my Friends at home, of my acceptable services in this land; and I now feel that I can return to America, with not only Divine approval, but also with that of friends generally; and I feel to acknowledge that it is the Lord that has helped me hitherto. To-day is my birthday, completing my sixty-fifth year; and, notwithstanding my health and strength are still good, I feel that my life is drawing to its close, and I am admonished to stand prepared for the great change that awaits me.

"Sixth mo., 1st.—After the reading this morning, I felt the spirit of prayer resting upon me, and I felt to pray for my dear Friends, with whom I have so long sojourned, and for their servants, and for myself and my family. Then took a solemn leave of the dear Friends with whom I had been staying, I left London with a peaceful mind, never expecting to see it more, and journeyed to Liverpool, and stopped at Charles Wilson's.

"Sixth mo., 5th.—This evening, there came a large company of Friends to C. W.'s to take leave of me, and before separating, we had a highly favored opportunity, in which I felt liberty to express the tender feelings of my heart towards the dear Friends assembled. Afterwards, two of the company were engaged in vocal prayer for me that I might be safely borne across the Atlantic, and be privileged to reach my own dear home in safety.

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"Sixth month, 6th.—Before leaving my room this morning, I opened the Bible, and my eye rested on the 93rd Psalm, which, to me, about to embark on the unstable element, was very striking. After breakfast, I requested Charles Wilson to read this psalm, and a precious silence ensued, after which I took a solemn leave of Susan Wilson and her children, and, accompanied by Charles Wilson and Joseph Buckley, I went on board the Scotia, bound for New York. These dear Friends soon left me, having none on board that I have any acquaintance with; but I felt that I was setting my face towards home in great peace.

"Thirteenth of 6th mo.—We passed Cape Race today; have had disagreeable weather the most of the time since leaving Queenstown, and there was much sea sickness among the passengers in the fore part of the week. I was one among them. I was cheered this afternoon in reading the following letter that I found in my pocket, written by Joseph Buckley, and directed to be opened at sea. It seemed almost like meeting that dear friend again as I was tossing on the restless ocean. I am sometimes brought very low in mind, being a solitary one, with not one on board that I have been acquainted with."

"Manchester, 6th mo., 6th, 1863.—My beloved friend, John L. Eddy, the time is at hand to say farewell. Farewell in the Lord, probably never to meet again in mutability. In recurring to our brotherly acquaintance, and my being banded with thee in the prosecution of some part of the Gospel mission in our

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land, I shall regard it as a favor received from the loving hand of our gracious, Heavenly Father, drawing us together in the true fellowship of the Gospel of our dear Lord and Master. I know that thy baptisms have been many as thou has visited our Churches; but thou hast been helped and clothed with power and Gospel authority to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. I doubt not but that thou wilt retire from this arduous and interesting field of labor, with sheaves of peace; such peace as the great Head of the Church alone does give to His willing laborers. In glancing toward thy home, I trust it will be found a sweet retreat and quiet resting place (for body and mind) in the bosom of thy loved family. I expect ere long, if spared, thou wilt have something to do for the Churches within your own borders; perhaps of a trying, discouraging character; but be what it may, thou has learnt not a few lessons in the true school of sound divinity; thou knowest in whom thou hast believed; thou hast proved His faithfulness, and known Him to be near in many a time of need; and very consolatory is the belief that He remains unchangeably the same; and as His poor, feeble ones rest their hopes and dependence on Him, He works out His glorious designs in and by them, according to the purposes of His will, to their wondering admiration and to His own praise; for His own works praise Him.

"If memory keeps her seat, I shall often remember thee as a brother beloved.

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"With a parting salutation of love, I am thy affectionate friend,

"JOSEPH BUCKLEY."

"Sixth mo., 16th.—Anchored safely in New York harbor this morning, and after considerable delay at the Custom House, I went to the home of my kind friends, Wm. and M. Wood; and on the next morning left for my own home, where I safely arrived on the 18th, where I found all well except my dear wife, who is in poor health, and there is perhaps but little prospect of her recovery. In this journey, I have been absent from home two years and three months, having accomplished my concern, and returned in peace, and with a thankful heart.

"Sixth month, 21st.—First day, attended our meeting at Greenwich, which was largely attended by Friends and others; and I was deeply humbled and broken into tears, realizing that I was again mingling with my dear friends and neighbors, who, on that and the following first day, turned out largely; and I was engaged in the abounding love of our God and Saviour to commemorate His preserving power and goodness, and great peace was the clothing of my mind.

"Eleventh mo., 13th.—A long time has elapsed since I have made an entry in my diary, yet the intervening time has not been idly spent, but has been one of the most eventful periods of my life, having been much engaged in caring for my dear wife in her weak state. Though weak in body, she accompanied me to our Yearly Meeting, and was favored to attend all of

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its sittings, very much to her satisfaction; and we could but acknowledge that the arm of the Lord was underneath to sustain her, blessed be His holy name for all His mercies, to us ward, they cannot be numbered in order unto Him.

"I returned my certificate to the Select Yearly Meeting, and gave in an account of my travels in foreign lands, and the meeting concluded that there was so much interest felt by Friends generally, in the concern, that it would be right to read my returning minutes in the Yearly Meeting at large, and that I should give to this meeting such an account of my travels as I saw fit; which I felt willing to do, believing there were many in the Yearly Meeting, and especially the young, who would be interested by it, and a meeting was opened for that purpose. I accordingly gave to them some account of my travels in Great Britain, Ireland, France, Germany and Norway, as far as I found any Friends. It proved a very interesting and solemn occasion, and the Yearly Meeting altogether was a very favored one, and many could say it was good for them to be there.

"Returning from the Yearly Meeting my dear wife's health began to give way. She went no more out, and for two months had to be watched night and day. She was a great sufferer, which she bore with great patience and resignation until the 8th of the present month, when she quietly breathed her last; and was buried in Friends' Burial Ground at Greenwich, Ohio, on the 11th of the 11th mo., 1863. A very solemn

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meeting was held on the occasion, John Page, from New Hampshire, being present, and bore living testimony; and the desire of my heart has been that I may under affliction, however severe, bow in submission and kiss the rod and the hand that inflicts the blow, and to say: 'Let God be praised.'

"First mo., 1st, 1864.—Since my last entry I have experienced many lonely hours in consequence of the removal of my dear wife; but through great mercy have been favored with seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and a quiet submission to his dealings with me, and in the midst of trials to bless His holy name. I feel this to be a time of rest from my ministerial labors, my children being very kind to me, seeming desirous, as much as in them lies, to minister to my wants in the absence of their dear mother. As the old, and to me an eventful year, has passed away I do most fervently pray my Heavenly Father in His mercy, through Christ my Saviour, to forgive all my past sins, and enable me more unreservedly to his service, to dedicate my all."

About this time of close bereavement and trial he received many tokens of sympathy and love from his nearly attached friends in Europe, as also in America, which may not be out of place to insert a few of them here.

"Eleventh of 1st mo., 1864.—Thy salutation of the 11th ult. was very acceptable; and it has afforded thy friends much satisfaction to have been thus remembered by thee. The recital of the privation thou hast

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experienced in the removal of an endeared companion has produced in many of our minds feelings of tender sympathy, accompanied with a sense of the favour experienced by thy being permitted a safe and peaceful return before the period of final separation. But, as thou remarks, how consoling the hope that when the mortal shall put on immortality, a never ending union may then be realized, with all the countless multitude in the unceasing song of praise.

"Thy sincere Friends,

"RICHARD AND SARAH ALLEN.

"Waterford, Ireland, 1st mo."

"CHELMSFORD, ENGLAND, 1st MO., 12th.

"DEAR FRIEND, J. L. EDDY,—I need scarcely say that it is with sorrow I think of thy bereaved condition, but at the same time it is a consolation to remember that through the mercies of our Heavenly Father thy late dear companion was spared to receive thee after thy long absence from home, and to enjoy thy society for a few months before her removal, as we reverently trust, to a better country, a blessed and everlasting dwelling place. Often, very often, have my thoughts turned toward thee with desires for thy welfare, spiritual and temporal. Thou art ten years my junior, and the church may yet look for some good service from thee; but I seem nearly worn out from active exertion, and must take my place among the more hidden ones. It is pleasant, however, in the shades of retirement to look forward to that better country of which the Apostle speaks.

"Thy affectionate Friend,

"JOHN CHANDLER."

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In the early part of this year John L. Eddy was again in Gospel love, constrained to visit the several meetings constituting Alum Creek Quarter. Holding several appointed meetings by the way, and in the fifth month he attended Salem and Damascus Quarterly Meetings, feeling it a high privilege, after so long an absence, to go again and visit the brethren, and see how they did.

In the Fall of 1864, John L. Eddy, feeling the gentle constrainings of Heavenly love, he was made willing again to leave his home, having the unity of his friends, and being furnished with a certificate from his Monthly Meeting, and his esteemed friend, Joseph Morris, as his companion, they set forward in a visit of Gospel love to Friends in Canada West; and while engaged in this field of religious labor he was attacked with a partial paralysis, from which he never entirely recovered; but was favored to accomplish a part of the service he had in view, and returned to his home about the close of the year, where he writes: "We visited all the meetings belonging to West Lake Quarter, as well as held some appointed meetings, all to pretty good satisfaction, and the retrospect is sweet peace."

A TESTIMONY OF JOSEPH MORRIS.

"BLOOMFIELD, CANADA WEST,
"12TH MO., 30th, 1864.

"Dear John shows evident marks of declining health from the stroke of paralysis received shortly after our arrival in this Province; and here let me remark that

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he exhibits an excellent model of Christian humility and abiding faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. I scarcely can find words to express my admiration of him in that respect. A former Gospel mission in this part of the world had endeared him to many precious friends, who had also read in the 'Friends' Review' of his journeyings and labors of love among his brethren in the distant region of Norway, and now among them again they scarcely know bounds to their affectionate regard for him; yet vanity has no place in his mind; he is the same humble Christian, a pattern of meekness and self-denial; a situation of all others the most to be desired. This, a transcript from one of my notes whilst in Canada West.

"JOSEPH MORRIS."

Having a marriage engagement with Mary Ferris, of Kingston Monthly Meeting, Canada, John L. Eddy again left his home on the 13th of 2nd month, 1865, and for a time resumed his religious engagments, attending many meetings of Friends, &c., and coming to West Lake Quarterly Meeting he says:

"I here met with my dear friend, Mary Ferris, with whom I have an engagement of marriage, and after the meeting concluded its sittings I went with her to her home, and on the 16th of 3rd mo. we were solemnly joined in marriage according to the good order of Friends, and we were favored to feel the Lord's reconciled countenance to shine upon us, and feel that this important step we have taken has the Divine sanction."

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After his marriage with Mary Ferris John L. Eddy wrote but little in the way of memoranda. He had already attended perhaps all of the meetings of Friends in the known world that existed in the time of his journeyings, except one or two in the far off Oceanica, and many of these meetings he had visited repeatedly. Old age was now upon him, bodily disease was wearing upon his once strong frame and vigorous intellect, and his eventful and devoted life was fast waning to its close. Having been upheld by the potent arm of Jehovah thus far, the prayer of his heart was like that of David: "Oh God! Thou hast taught me from my youth, and hitherto have I declared Thy wonderous works, now also when I am old and greyheaded; oh God! forsake me not until I have showed Thy strength to this generation and Thy power to everyone that is to come."

The cause of the dear Redeemer whom he had so long served was still precious, and from time to time he pressed through the crowd of infirmities that gathered around him, and buckling on the armor he went forth to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ.

In the early part of 1865, accompanied by his dear wife, he set out for Ohio, and taking some meetings in the way he was favored to reach his former home, still occupied by several of his children, and after introducing his dear Mary to these, he writes: "There was a mutual friendship formed between my dear wife and my children, which is a great comfort to me."

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After tarrying for a time with his children and friends at Greenwich, of which meeting he was yet a member, he attended Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting, held at Goshen, and the meeting for sufferings, held at Damascus; then taking New York Yearly Meeting in the way he and his dear wife proceeded to their home in Canada, and he became a member this year, by certificate, of Kingston Monthly Meeting, where his company and religious services were highly appreciated.

In 2nd mo., 1866, he was liberated by Kingston Monthly Meeting and West Lake Quarter to visit, in the love of the Gospel, New England and Ohio Yearly Meetings, and some of the meetings constituting them. This service he was enabled to accomplish to the relief of his mind. And whilst thus laboring amongst his dear Friends, with whom he had often before been associated, they listened with delight to his touching appeals, and many were made to believe that they should see his face no more.

And having accomplished what he felt required of him, he and his dear wife returned home the latter part of 11th mo., 1866, with peaceful minds. He often spoke of the comfort that it was to him that that little service had been accomplished, saying that he would not have it undone again for all the world.

In 2nd mo., 1867, he was liberated by his Monthly Meeting to hold meetings within the limit of West Lake Quarter, amongst those not professing with Friends, of which he had held a number, and on the

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10th of 3rd mo. he held an appointed meeting twenty-five miles from his home, went to the house of Thomas Robinson for the night, retired to rest in his usual health, and at 2 o'clock in the morning he awoke, complaining of great pain in the region of the heart. Though perfectly rational he conversed but little, and quietly breathed his last about 4 o'clock the same morning. Nearly the last words he was heard to utter were: "My days are accomplished; go tell my dear Mary I die in the triumph of faith and the hope of the Gospel." And in view of the devoted life and triumphant death of this servant of God, we may well close this little volume with the lines of the poet:

"How blest is the child of the Lord
When taught of the Father to run;
When led by the light of His Word,
And cheered with the beams of His sun."

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ERRATA.

Page 9, third line from bottom, for "gaining," read—joined.

Page 22, first line, for "continuing," read—constituting.

Page 29, first line, read—*my* fifty-fourth year.

Page 47, twelfth line from top, read—all in this *world* that I, etc.

Page 57, seventh line from bottom, for "has already industriously," read—had been industriously.

Page 105, last line, for "while Satan," read—which Satan.

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